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## EDITORIAL

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## MORSE CODE AND THE LIMITED LICENCE

From time to time the same question comes up: "Why do we have a Morse Code requirement in these days of advanced techniques?"

Ignoring the pros and cons, the Regulations laid down by the International Telecommunication and Radio Conferences are quite clear in this regard concerning stations in the Amateur Service. Regulation 1003 3 (1) states "Any person operating the apparatus in an amateur station must have proved that he is able to transmit, and to receive by ear, texts in Morse Code signals. Administrations concerned may, however, waive this requirement in the case of stations making use exclusively of frequencies above 1,000 (one thousand) Mc." Our authorities, in their wisdom, varied the requirement in respect to 1,000 Mc., in the conditions laid down for our Limited Licence, by making 144 Mc. the frequency limit.

Regulation 1006 5 (1) under Article 42 is also significant. It reads "All the general rules of the Convention and of the present Regulations shall apply to Amateur Stations . . ." Read this in conjunction with Article 45 1: "Radio stations shall be obliged to accept, with absolute priority, distress calls and messages regardless of their origin, to reply in the same manner to such messages, and immediately to take such action in regard thereto as may be required", and we have one logical reason for the Morse Code requirement.

When war commenced in 1939, the Amateur's ability as an operator was very quickly recognised by the various Armed Forces. In the early months of the war, the loading of traffic increased much more rapidly than the facilities to train operators. It was during this time that Amateurs literally came to the rescue and manned watches with the minimum of training required to make them familiar with procedure. They were manning circuits where in most cases, the operator at the other end had passed a course of intensive training where the requirements were much higher than the Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency. He did the job because he has not been content to rest on his laurels after getting his ticket. He lived up to the traditions of the Amateur Service: A service of self training, intercommunications and technical investigations carried on by Amateurs, that is, by duly authorised persons interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest.

Although many sound reasons could be advanced for eliminating the present Morse Code requirement, while existing regulations are in force we are required to abide by them. At the same time, newcomers to our ranks, by maintaining this tradition and becoming fully conversant with all the techniques, will get far greater satisfaction from participating in the Amateur Service and meeting other members on common ground.

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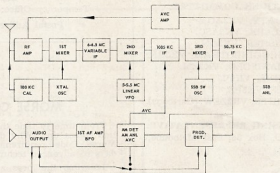
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# P.M.G. ANNOUNCES GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT TO R.F.A.R.C. RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations of the Radio Frequency Allocation Review Committee have been presented to and accepted in their entirety by the Government, the Postmaster-General, Hon. C. W. Davidson, O.B.E., announced on Thursday, 12th October, 1961.

The Radio Frequency Allocation Review Committee (R.F.A.R.C.) was an Ad Hoc Committee formed in August 1960 by the Postmaster-General to review the allocation of frequency channels for all Australian transmitting services in the light of the results of the Geneva 1959 Conference of the International Telecommunications Union.

Chaired by Professor L. G. Huxley, Professor of Physics, National University, Canberra, the Committee represented the major frequency users. Its terms of reference entailed a complete examination of the existing proposed frequency table arising from and prior to the Geneva 1959 Conference of the I.T.U., and the manner by which any further distribution of frequencies could be made in the National interest whilst at the same time endeavouring to meet the requests of all frequency users.

The report of the R.F.A.R.C. was the culmination of twelve months arduous work from August 1960 until its final meeting in May 1961.

Representatives of all the major frequency users, including the Wireless Institute of Australia, enjoyed full rights on the Committee and during the period it sat the Committee overlooked no one and set about providing the best for everyone. As far as the Wireless Institute is concerned, it commends the fine effort put up by this group of people who operated in the National interest, backed by the technical know-how and experience from all sections of the communications services of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Undoubtedly there will always be some who are not satisfied with the outcome of this committee's findings, but these few must be reminded that every Service lost some ground at the expense of the many new Services which appeared as an outcome of Geneva and the injection of these Services brought many new requirements into portions of the frequency spectrum. Every Amateur in Australia can rest assured that the Amateur representative had an equal say with all the other Services, and the Wireless Institute of Australia was very fortunate to have a member of the calibre of Mr. Arthur Tinkler, VK3ZV, on the committee.

The frequency spectrum from 10 Kc. to 40 Gc. was examined and many changes were made throughout these frequencies from those that had been agreed at Geneva. It is not proposed to delve into the report in detail except where it affects the Amateur Service in Australia. The frequencies for the Amateur Service in Australia are shown in the Table in three sections—the frequencies applying in Australia after Atlantic City (1947), the frequencies

agreed for Australia in Geneva (1959), and the recommended frequencies from the findings of the R.F.A.R.C. Footnotes have been appended at the foot of the Table giving more detail on any special conditions applying to a particular frequency band.

As there are several references in the Table to the Amateur Service being a Secondary Service in certain bands, it should be clearly understood what this term implies. Stations in a Secondary Service shall not cause harmful interference to stations of the Primary Service to which frequencies have already been assigned or may be assigned in the future; they cannot claim protection from harmful interference from stations of the Primary Service, but can claim protection from other stations in another Secondary Service who may be assigned the same frequencies.

## TABLE OF PROPOSED FREQUENCIES ON NEXT PAGE

In addition to examining the frequency spectrum from 10 Kc. to 40 Gc., the committee made other recommendations to the Minister as an outcome of their deliberations. Two of these additional proposals are of particular interest to the Amateur Service in Australia.

- The first relates to the protection of frequency users in marginal receptional areas. The committee noted that there have been instances where users of properly assigned and used frequencies have been required to change frequency or close down to protect t.v. reception of low signal strength and therefore recommended that the assigning authority be directed to support any user who conforms to the official requirements for his service and placed the onus of satisfactory reception of signals on the individual receiver.
- The second, and more important, recommendation affecting the Amateurs was in relation to the setting up of a similar committee to the R.F.A.R.C. Ad Hoc Committee, to be convened as directed by the P.M.G. to act in the National interest and work in concert with the assigning authority on frequency matters assigned to it by the P.M.G. This new committee was proposed to meet before and after I.T.U. Conferences and to deal with any other matters referred by the Minister.

The position may be summarised as follows. The Amateur Service has gained a few extra frequencies over those allocated at Geneva, and have in addition, saved other frequencies which would not have been international allocations for Amateurs, e.g. the 52-54 Mc. band and the 144-148 Mc. band, which would have moved some time

in the future. As previously mentioned, some frequencies have been lost but the Amateur is not alone in this regard and we are now better off in certain frequencies, e.g. the 7 Mc. band, than our European contemporaries.

There has been some speculation about the compulsory use of single sideband phone techniques by Amateur Stations in their bands after 1970. Let it be said that this committee made no such recommendation in relation to the Amateur Service. They did, however, make a recommendation on the use of single sideband transmissions on frequencies between 1605 Kc. and 30 Mc., but this was an extension of the Geneva recommendation aimed at the Fixed and Maritime Mobile Services which now use or were proposing to use double sideband transmissions. It seems very likely, in any case, that the Amateur Service, by January 1970, for its own convenience, may be primarily using this type of emission.

There are several points which have not been enumerated in the above explanation, but these points will all be covered in detail in the Geneva Story which will be printed and issued to every Australian Amateur.

It must be repeated that although the Government has accepted the proposals of the R.F.A.R.C., the present allocation of frequencies will apply until official notification is received from the Postmaster-General's Department.

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## W.I.A. D.X.C.C.

Listed below are the highest twelve members in each section. New members and those whose totals have been amended will also be shown.

### PHONE

Call	Cer. Cnt.	No. ries	Call	Cer. Cnt.	No. ries
VK6RU	2	256	VK6KW	4	206
VK5AB	45	256	VK3ATN	28	204
VK6MK	43	250	VK4HR	12	192
VK3AFO	51	230	VK3AR	23	184
VK4FJ	21	221	VK3BZ	3	176
VK3WL	14	211	VK3GB	50	171

New Member:  
VK3BM 54 101

### C.W.

Call	Cer. Cnt.	No. ries	Call	Cer. Cnt.	No. ries
VK3KE	10	292	VK4HR	8	218
VK3CX	26	282	VK6RU	11	215
VK4FJ	29	254	VK3XU	46	213
VK3NC	19	246	VK7LZ	17	212
VK3PH	15	226	VK3YL	39	211
VK3BZ	6	222	VK3XX	41	204

Amendment:  
VK3ARX 66 163

### OPEN

Call	Cer. Cnt.	No. ries	Call	Cer. Cnt.	No. ries
VK2ACX	6	288	VK4HR	7	223
VK6RU	8	271	VK3AHO	76	232
VK4FJ	32	267	VK3BZ	4	201
VK6MK	74	254	VK3JA	43	229
VK3NC	77	250	VK3WL	45	225
VK3HG	3	241	VK7LZ	23	223



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**Duration:** From 0001 hours E.A.S.T. (1401 hours G.M.T.) on 16/12/61 and 15/12/61 respectively, to 2359 hours (1359 G.M.T.) on 14/1/62.

## RULES

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- Transmitting, Phone, 50 Mc. and higher.
- Receiving, Open, all bands, 50 Mc. and higher.

2. All Australian and Overseas Amateurs may enter for the Contest whether their stations are fixed, portable or mobile.

3. All Amateur v.h.f. bands may be used, but no cross-band operating is permitted, with the exception that the 50-54 Mc. and 56-60 Mc. bands will be considered to be the same band for contacts.

4. Amateurs may enter for any one of the transmitting sections. All contacts must be consecutively numbered in the one number sequence to facilitate checking.

5. Only one contact per band per station is allowed each calendar day.

6. Only one licensed Amateur is permitted to operate any one station under the owner's call sign. Should two or more operate any particular station, each will be considered a contestant and must submit a separate log under his own call sign.

7. Entrants must operate within the terms of their licences.

8. **Cyphers:** Before points may be claimed for a contact, serial numbers must be exchanged and acknowledged. The serial number of 5 or 6 figures will be made up of the RS (telephony) or RST (c.w.) report plus three figures commencing from 001 for the first contact and will increase in value by one for each successive contact. If any contestant reaches 999 he will start again with 001.

9. **Entrants** must be set out as shown in the example, using only one side of the paper. Entries must be postmarked not later than one month after the Contest (i.e. not later than 14/2/62) and addressed to the Federal Contest Committee, W.I.A., Box 851J, G.P.O., Hobart, Tasmania.

10. **Scoring** for all sections will be based on the attached table. Contestants will have to agree between themselves as to the distance between their stations. Such distances must be shown in their log entry in the column usually used for remarks or bonus points.

11. **Logs:** All logs shall be set out as in the example and in addition will carry a front sheet showing the following information:

Name..... Call Sign.....  
Address..... Section.....  
..... Claimed Score.....

Declaration: I hereby certify that I have operated in accordance with the Rules and Spirit of the Contest.

Signed.....  
Date.....

**Note:** Entries on the front sheet must be clearly shown in block letters.

12. The right is reserved to disqualify any entrant who, during the Contest, has not observed the regulations or who has consistently departed from the accepted code of operating ethics.

13. The ruling of the Federal Contest Committee of the W.I.A. will be final. No dispute will be entered into.

14. **Awards:** Certificates will be awarded to the winners of each section in each VK and Overseas Call Area. The VK contestant who returns the highest score in the transmitting sections and who is a financial member of the W.I.A. will hold the Trophy until the next Ross Hull Contest is decided, and in addition will receive an appropriately inscribed photograph of the Trophy.

## GENERAL

A new method of scoring has been evolved from suggestions made by the majority of VK Divisions. Comments on the operation of this new method will be appreciated by the F.C.C. It is suggested that contestants obtain a large scale map of Australia and of their State and mark on these maps the radial distances from their location in accordance with the scoring table.

## RECEIVING SECTION

1. Short Wave Listeners in Australia and Overseas may enter for the Contest, but no transmitting station may enter.

2. Contest times and logging of stations on each band are as for the transmitting sections.

3. To count for points, logs will take the same form as for transmitting sections but will omit the serial number received. Logs must show the call sign of the station heard (not the station worked), the serial number sent by it, and the call sign of the station being worked.

Scoring will be on the same basis as for transmitting stations. It is not sufficient to log a station calling CQ.

4. A station heard may be logged only once per calendar day on each band for scoring purposes, but additional reports will be of value to the F.C.C.

5. **Awards:** Certificates will be awarded to the highest scorer in each VK and Overseas Call Area.

## SCORING TABLE

	Distances					Higher
	Between Stations	50 Mc.	144 Mc.	223 Mc.	576 Mc.	
Up to 10 miles	.....	1	1	1	1	5
Over 10 and up to 25 miles	.....	1	1	1	2	10
Over 25 and up to 50 miles	.....	1	1	2	10	30
Over 50 and up to 100 miles	.....	4	2	6	20	60
Over 100 and up to 200 miles	.....	10	4	10	30	80
Over 200 and up to 300 miles	.....	20	10	16	40	
Over 300 and up to 500 miles	.....	10	16	30		
Over 500 and up to 1,000 miles	.....	2	30	40		
Over 1,000 and up to 5,000 miles	.....	10	40			
Greater than 5,000 miles	.....	20	50			

## EXAMPLE OF TRANSMITTING LOG

Date/Time	Band	Emission	Call Sign	RST/NR. Sent	RST/NR. Revd.	Distance	Points Claim.	Blank

NOTE.—State whether Time is E.A.S.T. or G.M.T.

## EXAMPLE OF RECEIVING LOG

Date/Time	Band	Station Heard	RST/NR. Sent	Station Called	Points Claim.	Blank

NOTE.—State whether Time is E.A.S.T. or G.M.T.



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Jock White, ZL2GX,  
Contest Manager, N.Z.A.R.T.

## AUSTRALIA

C.W.—	Call	40	20	15	10	Total
VK1JE	..	55	2475	220	—	2750
VK2GW	..	1675	5745	2305	2770	12495
2ADE	..	—	4215	3135	2140	9490
2APK	..	—	2765	1095	655	4515
2HV	..	—	—	460	—	460
VK3DQ	..	1295	3410	2360	1350	8415
3MR	..	—	5275	—	—	5275
3YD	..	—	4170	—	—	4170
3JF	..	—	3970	—	—	3970
3ARX	..	—	—	3850	—	3850
3XB	..	1300	—	—	—	1300
3TL	..	—	155	—	—	155
VK4SN	..	55	1615	1940	740	4350
4XJ	..	—	—	3045	—	3045
4SS	..	—	2035	—	—	2035
4SD	..	—	750	—	—	750
VK5NO	..	1410	5935	4210	1490	10445
5RX	..	—	3275	—	—	3275
5JE	..	1705	—	—	—	1705
5NQ	..	—	55	790	55	900
5JT	..	—	340	55	430	825
5LD	..	390	—	—	—	390
5RK	..	—	380	—	—	380
5LZ	..	—	165	110	275	550
VK6WT	..	955	1995	—	—	2950
VK7SM	..	265	3530	1110	1600	6505
7KA	..	—	2740	1140	900	4780
7RY	..	—	270	135	—	405
VK9XK	..	950	3500	3825	1540	9815

## PHONE—

Call	40	20	15	10	Total
VK2AKF	..	1620	760	950	3330
2WC	..	—	2730	—	2730
2AKV	..	—	1000	490	1490
VK3GE	..	—	165	1155	1320
3ADN	..	—	110	—	110
VK5MS	..	6935	4480	2475	13790
5NQ	..	4375	1360	1715	7450
5LZ	..	275	55	—	330
VK7WA	..	1450	770	740	3345
VK9NT	..	3480	400	—	3880
9XK	..	—	1290	155	1445

Check Log: VK2ADE.

## RECEIVING—

BERS-195—E. W. Trebilcock	Points
WIA-L2022—D. M. Grantley	5125
WIA-L5031—C. Hutchesson	4155
WIA-L3065—I. D. Thomas	3665
WIA-L6003—F. H. Price	2840
WIA-L6005—D. S. Pratt	2105
WIA-L2033—D. W. Shepherd	1555
RA2945—M. Cadzon	985
—Miss O. J. Martin	575

## NEW ZEALAND

C.W.—	Call	40	20	15	10	Total
ZLIAH	..	1550	5530	4155	2300	13535
1AIX	..	—	5865	3335	2505	11705
1AJU	..	380	3280	4750	2830	11240
1APM	..	—	5410	3985	1565	10960
1HS	..	—	5110	1305	3950	10365
1NG	..	160	4195	400	1625	6380
1AFW	..	—	3080	1140	1025	5245
1HY	..	550	—	990	55	1595
ZL2AWJ	..	*1445	5410	2060	1360	10275
2GS	..	—	905	4860	1670	9685
2PM	..	—	670	3870	1020	5560
2AJY	..	—	5165	—	—	5165
2GX	..	—	1295	2290	—	3585
ZL3US	..	—	2830	2710	—	5540
3OB	..	—	3465	660	1215	5440
ZL4GA	..	†1170	4570	1260	680	7680
4JF	..	—	450	—	—	450

Check Logs: ZLICK, ZLIAMM, ZL3IS.

\* Includes 55 on 80 metres.

† Includes 150 on 80 metres.

## PHONE—

Call		40	20	15	10	Total
ZLIAIX	..	490	5200	2945	3120	11755
1KG	..	155	4390	1725	2270	8540
1HA	..	—	2920	2275	1155	6350
1HY	.. ..	—	220	55	—	275
ZL2GX	.. ..	—	220	—	—	220
ZL3RT	.. ..	—	210	495	—	705
ZL4JF	.. ..	—	55	—	—	55

Check Log: ZLIAMM.

## RECEIVING—

Points	Call
RA2834—W. L. B. Douglas	3430
ZL2-259—L. I. Davies	1110
ZL-408—A. Petrie	Check

## OVERSEAS

C.W.—	North America	South America	Asia
WIGYE	.. 495 pts. K8CQM	.. 3990 pts.	
W1WY	.. Check W6IHP	.. 420	
KIKPS	.. Check K8BOB	.. 126	
W8QCS	.. 8620 pts. W7IMA	.. 2720	
KZUTC	.. 1	.. K7KGP	.. 280
W8RNY	.. 45	.. W7BTH	.. 24
W8FLI	.. 3535	.. K8HID	.. Check
W8KXV	.. 1305	.. W7JIN	.. 4176 pts.
W8BJ	.. 1079	.. W8WNV	.. 3344
KAPDV	.. 850	.. K9WTS	.. 270
K4JLD	.. 230	.. K9CUY	.. 160
W7VJQ	.. 412	.. W8BMM	.. 136
W8RC	.. 404	.. W6CMX	.. 108
K8KIB	.. 673	.. W6CTW	.. 50
W8BUEK	.. 1102	.. K7JALZ	.. 792
K8UAF	.. 1100	.. W5BWW	.. 728
W8EUT	.. 612	.. KPCC	.. 390
W8ARJ	.. 616	.. T2CNP	.. 96
W6LDD	.. 5130	.. XE1P	.. 424

South America			
HK1ZT	..	176 pts.	CE1BD .. 160 pts.
HK1FT	..	60	YV3AS .. 240 ..
CE3AG	..	1575	
Asia			
JAIYX	..	4824 pts.	JAI8KU .. 12 pts.
JAZ2W	..	3955	JAI5KM .. 9 ..
JAZ3M	..	943	JAI3CP .. 216 ..
JAZ3W	..	793	V8U .. 216 ..
JAI3EN	..	730	MP4BP .. 126 ..
JAYAD	..	340	BV5ADL .. 72 ..
JAI3TH	..	168	XZ2TH .. 400 ..
JAI3EM	..	102	UA0AG .. 310 ..
JAI3AA	..	63	UA0KIA .. 150 ..
JAI3DH	..	48	

## Europe

Call	Points	Call	Points
DL1FF	.. 2054 pts.	OK3KGW	.. 54 pts.
DL1EN	.. 1780	OK2RGZ	.. 9
DL1DK	.. 1200	OK1KCT	.. 116
DL1AA	.. 1200	PA0TAU	.. 168
DL1BA	.. 720	PA0LOU	.. 96
DL1Y	.. 45	PA0WAC	.. 36
EASCY	.. 45	OH1RU	.. 132
F2MA	.. 221	OH1TN	.. 112
F8MS	.. 88	OH2PS	.. 108
F8CZ	.. 45	OH2Y	.. 70
G4PC	.. 1176	OH2QO	.. 6
G8RP	.. 382	ON4LK	.. 382
G3WP	.. 2	LASG	.. 15
H8BMO	.. 182	SP8FZ	.. 640
H8RVT	.. 276	SP8KJ	.. 180
H8RDX	.. 30	SP8ZU	.. 1
IT1AGA	.. 32	SM5LL	.. 1060
OE1RZ	.. 788	SM5SCC	.. 45
OE3WB	.. 126	SM5ATK	.. 20
OZ70MR	.. 48	SM5BU	.. 2
OK1LM	.. 612	SV0WZ	.. 2
OK2EI	.. 124	UB3KAB	.. 1430
OK1MG	.. 54	UR2RU	.. 9
OK1LK	.. 16	UR3KAE	.. 4
OK3JR	.. 1		

## Oceania

Call	Points	Call	Points
FK8AH	.. 1675 pts.	ZK1AR	.. 616
W8SLD/KW6	.. 1675	KH6DMW	.. 210
VR1B	.. 4294	KH6DGL	.. 230

## Africa

FA8RJ	.. 210 pts.
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## PHONE—

North America			
WIWY	15 pts.	W8JIN	480 pts.
KZUTC	1	K8CFU	180
W8SLC	16	W8MCC	3
W4EEO	16	K8CZC	96
K8KIB	2176	K8JL	Check
K8MDX	1738	V8EDDI	95
K8GCE	544	V8EPT	16
K8ZIT	228	V8EIN	15
K8UYF	98	TG8CP	560
K8CZC	520	TG8HC	466
W8JZG	1	T8CNP	10

YV1EE	.. 126 pts.	YV3AKU	.. 1 pts.
YV3AKP	.. 1		

## Europe

DL1LL	.. 611 pts.	OH5SM	.. 230 pts.
EA3JE	.. 250	PA0PFC	.. 90
EA3CY	.. 40	SM5ACC	.. 1
GS1Z	.. 128	UR2RU	.. 112
CT1EY	.. 218	UR3KAE	.. 6
OE1RZ	.. 55		

## Oceania

KH6DLD	.. 611 pts.	ZK1AR	.. 630 pts.
K8SLD/KW6	.. 1200		

## Africa

EL4A	.. 1 pts.	ZS6NE	.. 338 pts.
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## Asia

JAI3AA	.. 72 pts.	BV1US	.. 154 pts.
JAI3W	.. 42	OD8CT	.. 84
JAI3G	.. 30	N1EDQ	.. 220
JAI3BK	.. 1	UA0KIA	.. 28

## RECEIVING—

M. Schoenher	.. 704 pts.
DL487-F. W. Kradepohl	.. 264
S. Panko	.. 55
OK-1297-K. Holik	.. 200
BE12333	.. Check
OEB-314-B. Christian	.. 27 pts.
HE8E2G-J. Kundig	.. 24
SM5-2783-K. Nystrom	.. 310
SM6-3144-H. Hjelmsstrom	.. 72
SM7-3123-J. Svensson	.. 45
SM4-2825-R. Johansson	.. 28
SM6-782-S. Nyman	.. 48
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Y04-476-A. Ciurea	.. 363 pts.
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K2-7079-B. Adams	.. 24
JAI-1578-K. Watanabe	.. 1653
JAI-1362-K. Tsukahara	.. 869
JAI-1794-S. Okuno	.. 532
JAI-1134-T. Ushijima	.. 480
UA0-21213-Zaikin	.. 490

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It is a well-prepared book and contains much information of value to local Amateurs, for instance the R.A.X. receivers are featured, along with 46 other circuits. This book would repay its cost by providing details on much locally available gear, which to date has not had circuit details available. For any one owning BC312, BC348, Super Pro, MN26, T.C.S. gear, etc., this is an excellent book.

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In November 1955 the town of Elizabeth was officially begun. Named after Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the 2nd, the town of Elizabeth has grown to become the largest town in South Australia, outside the metropolitan area, with a population of 25,000. This population at least one person in every 1,000 is a licensed Amateur.

On the anniversary of the foundation of the town each year the Elizabeth Birthday Celebrations have been held and have become a week of festivities, attracting widespread local, State and even interstate interest. From the start individual Amateurs have co-operated in establishing a station at the Saturday Fair, however with the advent of the Elizabeth Amateur Radio Club this has now become a club event.

This year the Fair will be held on Saturday, 25th November, and it is anticipated that in the region of 20,000 people will attend. The E.A.R.C. station, VK5LZ, will operate from 10 a.m. until 10.30 p.m. from this location.

In an endeavour to provide good solid contacts for demonstration to the public, the club station will operate on the 80 and 40 metre bands only.

An appeal is hereby made to the other Amateurs of Australia to assist us in this effort.

An interesting feature of the club's activities is the Elizabethan Award issued for contacts with stations in the town. The rules of this award are appended herewith.

If you are interested in either assisting in displaying Amateur Radio to the public or the award, or both, here is your chance.

Procedure for contact with the club station on 25th November will be carried out as follows: Throughout the day other stations within Elizabeth will be rostered to act as control stations. Calls should be made to the control station who will direct any stations calling to transmit to the official club station on the club station frequency as required. By this method we hope to avoid stations causing QRM to each other and to contacts being held with VK5LZ and thus create a good impression for the public.

We request all Amateurs wherever possible to assist us by providing contacts, adhering

to the above simple rule and by keeping a watch out on the band before transmitting so as to avoid causing QRM.

In this way we feel that most benefit can be brought to all, particularly the aspect of public relations with those who may wonder at our hobby.

So keep a watch out for VK5LZ Elizabeth on 40 and 80 metres on Saturday, 25th November. You can help us and also make contacts for our award.

Call signs of some of the Elizabeth stations are as follows: VKs 5LZ (club station), 5DI, 5DY, 5EJ, 5EU, 5FY, 5HA, 5HB, 5KD, 5NO, 5NQ, 5TH, 5QL and 5XK.

— Ian J. Hunt, VK5QX,  
Communications Officer E.A.R.C.,  
Birthday Celebrations Committee.

### "SPEAKING OF THE PAST"

The Key Section of the Victorian Division, Wireless Institute of Australia, sent out the following circular to Amateurs, dated 8th January, 1934:

"It has been decided to hold a week-end camp at Mornington on A.N.A. week-end, 27th to 29th January, 1934. Several transmitters will be in operation in the camp and it is proposed to play inter-section cricket matches to enable a representative team to be picked for the annual match against the R.I.s."

"To discuss the arrangements to be made, a meeting of those who intend to be present, either for the duration of the camp or for one day only, will be held on Wednesday night next, 19th January, in the Institute rooms."

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If anyone is interested in the award, then remember the Elizabeth Amateur Club Station VK5LZ will be operating during the Elizabeth Sixth Birthday Celebrations on November 25. Many other Elizabeth Amateurs will be on also, so maybe that elusive "last one" will turn up for you!



The club station will be looking for good contacts and plenty of them on 25th November in order to provide quality signals for the general public to hear at the shack.

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To qualify for the award, the following conditions apply:—

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2. VKs 1 to 8 require eight points.
3. Contact with an Amateur resident in Elizabeth and Salisbury districts, OR a member of the Elizabeth Amateur Radio Club, count 1 point.
4. Contact with the official club station, VK5LZ, count two points.
5. Any contact on v.h.f. (50 Mc. and up) count two points.
6. S.W. Listeners must include call of station being worked by the Elizabeth Amateur.
7. All contacts after 1st January, 1960.
8. Enclose return postage or two I.R.C.

Send log details (call, date, time, band) to: The Award Manager, Elizabeth Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 8, Elizabeth, South Australia.

Calls of Amateurs resident in the district, or members of the club at present, are: VKs 5DS, 5DY, 5EJ, 5EU, 5FY, 5HA, 5HB, 5HU, 5HY, 5JO, 5KD, 5NO, 5NQ, 5SP, 5SF, 5QL, 5QX, 5RS, 5TD, 5ZAK, 5ZBR, 5ZCA, 5ZDA, 5ZDV, 5ZJN, 5ZMA, 5ZMK.

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Call	Cer. Add No. Cntr.	Call	Cer. Add No. Cntr.
VK3WJ	13	VK6DR	3
VK3ZF	23	VK3RR	6
VK4HR	4	VK3HT	7
VK3GP	5	VK2AEZ	10
VK2ABC	2	VK3XA	11
VK2VW	9	VK3GM	12
VK5GG	19	VK3ACL	14
VK5ZAX	20	VK3ZD	16
VK5ZBL	21	VK3HO	17
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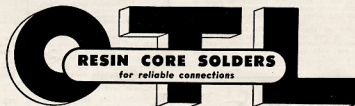


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**Alan Shawsmith, VK4SS**  
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Brisbane, Qld.  
Phone 4-6526 (7 a.m.-4 p.m.)

Well, chap, how did you find DX this past month? I haven't been listening much, but conditions on all bands seemed only mediocre. On 7 Mc., it has been possible to work all continents, with Africa and Europe now fairly regular in the mornings. 14 Mc. has been poor in the afternoons to the East, but better to the West in the evenings, although patchy, and as the night progresses, the signals slowly disappear until around 1900 GMT, when only the QRN left. 21 Mc. shows some activity around noon, our time, but the signals are weak and mostly from North and South America.

Overall, I would say that the conditions have been below those of previous years, for this past month of September. This, however, is to be expected, with the present sunspot cycle. 7 Mc. would be much better if more of the rarer countries were active. Sometimes, the band is wide open to Africa or South America, there may be only one S9 signal from a particular area.

## NEWS AND NOTES

KH6EDY is on both 7 and 14 Mc. and fairly regular around 0700 hrs. GMT. You should know, by now, he is on Kure Is. and is classed as a new country. OH7NF is a 7 Mc. regular (usually about 2000 hrs. GMT at low end) and seems to be able to hear and work VK better than most Europeans at this hour.

Eric 4X4WF is another heard often on 7 Mc. c.w., at 2000 hrs. GMT. He also seems to work well into VK.

VQ4DT has a real S9 local signal here on 7 Mc. in the mornings, and Pete VQ2W is another easy 7 Mc. c.w. QSO.

Martin OYTML is on 14 Mc. s.s.b. (no time available). Operation is from Faroe Is.

UA0BP is also s.s.b. and in Zone 18. Times 2300 hrs. and 0800 hrs. GMT.

ZD6PR and ZD6GA, in Nyasaland, share a

W2VCZ. He has all the logs.

9U5, Ruanda-Urundi, has no QSL bureau or club, but if you have any cards for the following, you can try sending them to 9U5DS, De Schrijver Odilon, P.O. Box 1186, Usumbara, Ruanda-Urundi. 9USTT, 9USMC, 9USNC, 9U5PD, and 9USBH.

Due to circumstances outside my control, my overseas schedules for notes fell through this month, so this section is a little light on. But more next month.

## ACTIVITIES

Bud VK2AQJ sends in the following. 14 Mc.  
 s.s.b.: WUOP 1125z, VE3BWY 1220z, K48XU 1125z, KA2VO 1300z, VTEALE 0638z, VE1CVC 0705z, KG6LJ 0655z, KH6DJV 1050z, KH8FA 1050z, SM3BJZ 1120z, DUISA 1210z, SM5BLA 1225z. 14 Mc. c.w.: K6VTC 0810, JA4ZS 0935, WB9HW 6 0945, UL7KAA 1050, UA6KJA 1100, OH5OA 1115, UA3TY 1142, JA1ACA 1152. (I'll be glad to QSO you on c.w., Bud, and please can you send your notes two or three days

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Don L3022 says he has been busy this month so his list is a little light on it. He reports hearing these: 7 Mc. c.w., OK3AL, OH7NF, HA-KSA, UT6GL, YU3CAW, W4CVA, KH8N, JARAE, K9DZL, ZL1YR, K4QJG, N1VH, K4TLL, K6-  
K5C, IITGP, YUZAKI, SP6FZ, UQ2QA, LZ-1KPZ, PO8AK, EA2GN, YO2BB, HKIHV, VR-5RZ, VRLJ, UA2BD, SV5WR, KP4PY, FB8XZ,  
K6M, K4EED, KH6DY, VILZR, ZL1YR, SNZKH, HTLB, VILZR, ZL1YR, OAAEY,  
ON4CO, VR6CB, EA3NG, VU2TN, LU1TM, 14 Mc s.s.b.: OAACV, GSDV, HB9SI,  
OADI, KW6B, KLTFPZ, VU2NR, YV5QP.  
He also heard some of the following:  
were received from SNZKHA via WC2TH, OA-  
4EY, VRIM via WHGT, UB8EKA, UA5WC,  
UX4BG, ONTX, HATPZ. (Don's score is now

29/5/80. Keep up the good work, OB.  
 Eric BERS-06 has logged the following: 3.5  
 Mc. VRI, 17.5 Mc. K4CZ, 18.5 Mc. 6KVR,  
 OHTMNF, SP9RF, U4HC, UBSTZ, UO5AA, VJ  
 4DT, JAGAHY/MM. 14 Mc. phone: FKRAU,  
 VR4CB 14 Mc. s.w.f.: BVILUS, BVZA, EBY,  
 WJLW, ZL1B, ZL1D, ZL1E, ZL1G,  
 6BV, KP4ANS, KW6DG, KCXCG, KZSL/L,  
 LU1ZL, 3ZL, UH3KAA, UHKAA, VKOCH, NL,  
 JB, RT, VF, VHIM, VR3L, VSSEM, VUCLNZ,  
 YL1A, YL1B, YL1SIA, YL1T, YL1V,  
 QSLs received: FBXXH, HKBJU, HKI7ZT, JZ-  
 0PH, KJ6BV, UC2KG, UI8KBA, UQ8AX,  
 VR4CB, ZD6RM, VE9MC, WMZAK/MM. (Eric says  
 he was active as an active s.w.f.)  
 Nice work! Old Man.

George V. VQU reports having a good week  
and QSoed the following: 14 Mc. cw: SM-  
BER, SMOQN, SMSLF, DQVZG, SPBZA, SP-  
BZF, FBYL BAZA, DISZE, ZJYDZ, ZJYDZ,  
G3EJC, G3HGD, G3SFG, G3BI, H48I, H4-  
MJ, OEPFS, OKZYF, OKZKA, OKINK, OKF-  
JO, OHWRW, UAUKR, UAIKAN, UAIKJF,  
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UBSKFF, UP2KN, URKAE, DJSDZ, DJSIM,  
DLIIV, DJ3JE, DJXPX/CHC, DJ3DG, DLARK,  
DLASZ, DJAVJ, DLAMI, DLAKH, DLREZ, DL-  
G3EJC, DJAVJ, ZBDAD, ONAMS, YRSRZ, KG-  
6AIG, HPILC, KLTBR, KCGCG, CEIDN, 14 Mc.  
c.w heard: VPFCB, XKBG/KXI, LUENT, YV-  
any 7 Mc. news from you, George. Sorry, OM,  
but no news arrived here from you last month.)

Your humble servant was not very active  
in the past few months, but I am now  
to get my 40 watts into all continents on 7 Mc.

The best QSOs were VQ4DT 1920 GMT, VQZW  
230. UNOFF 1900. SMSLELA 1525 and UAOEM

Harry VK5MY reports working a few nice ones on 7 Mc. They are 5N2LKZ, W4CAA/KM6, CRIZ, ZE1AS, YV2BJ, KX6AJ, YO9CN, VP6BL/3, and Kure Is. on 21 Mc., namely, KH6EDY. All on c.w.

## ADDRESSES

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ZDZU VRJCC KWPCP CRAAX VS4AA  
TGAH CN2BK FGTXF OX3DL FMTIWU, and  
TG8L

SINRSE - Op.: R. S. Briggs, 1 Brigade Signal  
Troop, Kaduna, Nigeria.

VQCZZ - Op.: W. E. Rymer, 32 Kitte, Witte,  
North Rhodesia.

FBCXC - Op.: Chas Dambler, B.Q.E.E., Antsirabe,  
Madagascar.

LUIZL-Ellsworth town, Lusaka, via WDIDQ.

EXYKVC - Op.: J. K. Burge

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 New York 37, N.Y.  
 OA4EY—Box 3772, Lima, Peru.  
 VS8AAC—J/T A. R. W. Cake, Block 1, Bottom  
 West, R.A.F. Khormaksar, B.F.P.O. 69,  
 Aden.  
 VP2LO—QSL via W6NJU, Gary Stilwell, 434  
 N. Laurel Ave., Los Angeles 48, Calif.

## SUMMARY

The month of November, in this area anyway, brings nature's QRN to the bands 3.5 and 7, and to a lesser extent, 14 Mc. are restricted, in their use until the end of January next, during our period of thunderstorm activity here in the Queensland. These conditions produce literally a QRM on the DX bands. However, 21 Mc. is showing signs of promise already, and it is certainly easier to work DX on this band than on 7 Mc., where the QRN problem perpetually exists. Many of the boys start yearly to the higher frequencies and a report or two now on conditions would be helpful.

Those who have written this column before me will know better than most, that it is not possible to cover all the bands well enough to get a picture of what goes on or of conditions generally. I find I can really only cover a couple of the bands in any sense of continuance. So please chaps, how about some more mail to this address. There is always a need for QTHs. They are a valuable help to us all, and a line or two on conditions in your area is always needed.

The term "73"—The Ws tell me the sending of the figures "73" as a sign off procedure was originated by railroad telegraphers in the frontier days of U.S. history. During this time it was said that a man needed, among other things, a Winchester 73 to survive. This was a highly accurate superlative rifle. So if you wished him 73, you therefore wished him the best. (By courtesy of K6CQM.)

Finally, I would like to say thanks again to those who try to help all they can with the DX news. Without you I doubt if this column would survive. 73 (but remember, never leave it loaded). Al VK4SS

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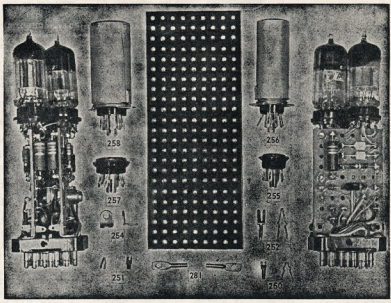
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Things are starting to look up again on the v.h.f. side after a few lean years. In the doldrums, DX is once again appearing on 6 m and some increased activity on 2 m in the southern States seems to indicate that a few rays will be broken this season. Conditions are at all reasonable. At least three of the old timers on 2 m are being spurred into life again in an endeavour to stop the newcomers from getting too much of a start on them.

Since last month I have made a tour of some of the v.h.f. installations in the VK3-VK5 area. I was quite impressed with some of the efforts of the country stations, especially in the way the antennae. The almost universal use of long yagis together with low-loss open-wire feedline in an endeavour to get the most effective power radiated was noticed particularly.

All the stations visited seemed to be using either 82B or QEQ06/40 finals and the old 6JE converter seemed quite popular. Set-ups included 5AW on 14.1 with 24 ft. yagi, 32FM on 14.16 with a 6J5 converter and 24 ft. yagi, 3NN on 14.41 with a pair of stacked 30 ft. yagis, 3ZEA on 14.14 with 24 ft. yagi, 32W on 14.14 with 24 ft. yagi, 3ZEA on 14.16 with a 5 over 5, 5BC with a 18 element phased array. Other active stations in the area are 3ATN on 14.14 with 24 ft. yagi, 3ZEA on 14.14 with 12 ft. yagi, and 3ZCD.

Also included were 3ZDR on 14.15 with a 12 ft. yagi and 6J5, 3SR and 3KK, both on 24 ft. yagis, and 3ZEA on 14.14 with 24 ft. yagi. The last three were in the Adelaide. Some of the boys are playing with 6CW4 novices for their converters and I also observed QEQ06/40 finals were to be fired up also. Two metres seems to be the premier band at the moment, so we can start with that.

From 20th to 23rd Sept. there was a long tropospheric opening between Adelaide and Western Victoria. 5ZDR, 5ZCR, 5TN, 5RO, 5MT, 5ZM, 5ZK and other were heard. In SA, 3AGV, 3ZCW, 3ZFM, 3ZEA and 5AW, 5ZM, 5ZK and other were heard. In the east, the others worked 3AGV in Colac and 5ZDR and 5ZMK both heard, and were heard by 3ZLT in Melbourne. Mick 5ZDR is still keeping nicely and surprisingly with 3NN. Now has a permanent QTH and has his 40 ft. tower up. At about the same time as the VK3-VK5 opening was on, 3ATN and 2WH were conducting sked; and Hugo worked Ray and also I believe 3ZCW.

Of interest to the chaps who are trying to work into VK6 is the news that the beam on 144.0 is now operating. Anyone in the west, interested in making skeds with the eastern States should contact 3ZCF or Roy 6RY. The Channel 7 and 9 Adelaide t.v. has once again been received in Albany, on a Channel 2 yagi pointing to Perth, so it looks as though 12 m contacts is not far again.

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In Adelaide, 5ZGF building a 2 m mobile, while Gilbert 5ZGF occasionally works portable from Mt. Lofly, so keep an eye out for him. Two 2 m contacts is not far again.

The notes on 6 m activity. The only real news of any note comes from Max 4HD who worked 14.1, 2, 3 and 9 on Sept. 30. The scattered stations also coming through strongly at times. On the same day, 2ZDM was heard by VK7 at around 2155 hrs, but no contact was made. 7ZAV has been heard on 10 m station around 49.5 Mc. peaking east, rather frequently but we don't know what it is.

I had been on a long contact with Bill 3Z3K on 20 m last week and he passed on some news about activity in ZL. Their t.v. is using Channel 1 which has i.m. sound on 50.75 Mc. and this has been heard on 20 m. The notes on 6 m activity. The only real news of any note comes from Max 4HD who worked 14.1, 2, 3 and 9 on Sept. 30. The scattered stations also coming through strongly at times. On the same day, 2ZDM was heard by VK7 at around 2155 hrs, but no contact was made. 7ZAV has been heard on 10 m station around 49.5 Mc. peaking east, rather frequently but we don't know what it is.

## GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT

Editor "A.R.", Dear Sir,

Let's have more of the letters from VK3BG. They're the funniest thing in "A.R.", exceeding SP's notes in absurdity and zany humour.

May I suggest that as a token of our gratitude to Mr. Jones, a statue of Samuel B. Morse be erected at his home and cost borne by the W.I.A. Alternatively, that he be financed on a DX-DX position to Willis Island as a v.w. transmitter.

—Jeff Vale, VK3NQ.

Editor "A.R.", Dear Sir,

Re the abolition of c.w. by both Jones. I fail to see that there is any sound reason for entering such thoughts. Simply because c.w. is now a minority group. It does not follow from this that code should be wiped from the band. What does Mr. Jones mean by primitive? In the hands of those skilled in the art, it is a fast, easy, mistake-proof means of communication and will maintain a circuit on a poor time of the air. It is not s.b. or a.m. When working in very QRM conditions, it is certainly superior to a.m.

C.w. is a requirement of the A.O.C.P. The Ws. with over 100 times the number of Hams, manage to combine the three modes successfully. No other country as yet has abolished c.w. to accuse V of dictatorial attitudes is ridiculous. C.w. may eventually be superseded but the time is not yet, and when it does happen it will be for the sake of Amateur Radio, it is relinquished by agreement, and not taken by force, as Roth Jones advocates.

—Al Shawsmith, VK4SS.

Editor "A.R.", Dear Sir,

The correspondence published in relation to the "Gentlemen's Agreement" prompts me to write the first letter I have ever sent to the press.

That 3AAU will be going to Butcher, about 50 odd miles south of Darwin for at least a couple of years. Operation should commence toward the end of November on s.b. or c.w. on 144 Mc. or 14.16 Mc. It is probable that VK3AU. It will be appreciated if stations on a.m. refrain from using the first 100 kc. of the band. Details of probable operating times will be given later.

The VK5 gang held a fox hunt on 144 Mc. on Sept. 17 with Cedric 5ZBC the winner. Their evening QSO hunt will be on 50 Mc. so what about shaking up some gear and coming along. Don't bring your eighth element yagi.

A fox hunt conducted both on 2 m and 2 m on Sept. 23 was held with 7ZAO as the fox on 2 m. There was quite a good attendance of v.h.f. men and 7ZAO was only going to score. The fox must be getting too crafty, a change seems called for next time.

The last meeting of the West Australian V.h.f. Group was held on 23rd Sept. A most interesting lecture on klystrons and magnetrons was given. This should fire up the embers of enthusiasm of a lot of chaps for u.h.f. work.

The Sept. meeting of the Hobart group visited the airport at Liankerne, 16 members travelled to the drome and struggled back at 0030 the following morning. The group had an interesting evening inspecting various aspects of the instrument landing system, the control tower and all that goes with—both h.f. and v.h.f.

News of 288 Mc. activity is very short at the moment. 50F is one of the few stations active with xtal controlled gear in VK3. 5AW and 3NN carry out cross band contacts as well as two-way on 1 m using xtal controlled gear. Kevin 5ZAS and 5ZAS are going to Cape Naturaliste just after Xmas in an effort to make the grade back into Perth on 288, 144 and 50 Mc. Keep them in mind so that you can hear them really working them.

For those who haven't a new Call Book, the following information will be of interest. All Australian t.v. channels are going to be with the exception of Channel 0. 45 to 82 Mc. and Channel 11 215 to 222 Mc. In addition, there is now a Channel 53 on 137 to 144 Mc. which is used in Illawarra for the view of these allocations, I feel confident that we will have our two and six metre bands much more on a footing than we did a year or so ago.—3AAU.

During the week-end I, as usual, spent some time listening around the bands and in one spot in the 7 Mc. c.w. section I heard two chaps operating phone (incidentally, it was good a.m. too). Into the middle of their QSO there came, not so good Morse (c.w. in phone band), which was repeated over and over. The "gentleman" on the key did not distress his listeners by revealing his identity. I am not taking sides in the controversy over the division of our bands, but I would suggest that the best way to get the other fellow to see that a gentleman is to be a gentleman your self.

Once upon a time we spoke of the "Spirit of the Law" from the Law books. But in a moribund and shortly we will be able to say "requisite".

—Fred Carruthers, VK2FP.

P.S.—The "gentleman" of whom I write is also, I would point out, in breach of the regulations.

## RE PAGE EIGHT, OCT. "A.R."

Editor "A.R.", Dear Sir,

"One Angry Young Man" has only himself to blame if no one will speak to him on 6 metres. The more the 6 metre stations are probably a wake up to him.

People who, when Amateur Radio is struggling to justify its existence, openly advocate the use of low power and omnidirectional antennae should be excommunicated. I openly discriminate against low power stations.

Low power stations and their chaps: you are trying to work and with the disposals market as it has been for the last 15 years, there is no excuse for running less than 50 watts. If you are not running 50 watts, you are serving with a.c. power, of course.)

"One Angry Young Man" is probably one of that type who proclaims you loud and clear on 144 Mc. and then gets niggly because you can't hear his 15 watts to a 522.

The Institute would do Amateur Radio a service if it were to ban the use of the SCR522.

You don't have to work many JAs on 6 before the whole grisly story comes into perspective. At first I wondered if 20 watts I gave me 10 and 20 db. over 9 when they were barely audible here. Then the QSLs started coming in—3 watts, 5 watts, 7½ watts. Good night!

Owing to the use of effective receiver bandwidths, we find it unwise to tune faster than 300 cps per minute when looking for weak signals.

What a spectacle we have on 144 Mc. I call it "2 m Metremania" from the number of times to tune 1,200 kc. to be sure of hearing all replies. (Enlarged gang [?] are above 145 Mc.)

By the time you tune a selective receiver over VK2 capital C, the same station could have put it by half a dozen times.

One will know South West Victorian station much to give it 120 watts on 144.7 and then wonder why I didn't come back.

Only the boys who fly armbands suggest using "the full 4000 kc." of our v.h.f. bands.

Every thinking operator wants ALL the activity in the first 500 kc.

—A. C. RECHNER, VK5ZCR/T.

## LIMITED LICENSEES

Editor "A.R.", Dear Sir,

In reply to Peter Brown, Oct. "A.R.", may I say that his opinion of being a comparative newcomer sounds quite right, and that he waits a few more years, gets a decent converter, a better rx or move his QTH to a VK2 capital C. The use of listening to the old hands hear for himself just what the 2 calls are really doing. The majority have their Limited License for a reason, and find there is a greater field in v.h.f. and u.h.f. for experimenting.

Try listening on 2 m frequencies, and not to the old armchair operators.

—Chas. Abernathy, WIA-1211.

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Here is more from that man again, with news of the S.W.'s of VK land. Just to keep you up with the Awards and VK Contest news, I have named several of the Federal Executive, so keep watching this page. Has anyone any queries? Just write and ask and we will do our best to help you.

Through this page I would like to thank Bill VK3AWS for passing on some not-so-old American Call Books for our use. These are as late as 1959, one of 1959 and three of 1959. I think they will be used for prizes in forthcoming VK3 Contests. Thank you very much Bill. If at any time you want any help Bill, let the VK3 S.W. Group know.

## VK NEWSREEL

South Australia.—The local S.W.'s. Group are thinking of publishing a s.w.l. journal, which would include circuits, interesting topics, DX heard and in fact any item of interest to the S.W. community. I am just now putting out the circulars to all the s.w.l.s. in VK3 to see whether or not they could supply any articles towards the journal.

The S.W.l. Group is growing in VK5 and at the present time the numbers are up to 45, which was allocated to Len Cook in Darwin. Hello, how's DX and how are you keen of the woods? There are letters coming in all the time for issue of a s.w.l. number. Well that's very good indeed, like my home State will soon catch up to my adopted home.

By the way, to all those concerned, the VK3 S.W.'s. have not yet sought permission to use the VK prefix and no one to my knowledge is using it and must not. Permission must be sought first from the W.I.A.

Regarding the classes at the Mount, they were able to get the services of Col. VK3CJ and will be resuming classes every Wednesday night. Col's rx I.F.s. have been changed over from standard b.c. to ones out of a No. 19 set and is much satisfied. He says that when he's milking the cows 20 mx is Col's rx. Well, that's a very good idea, the cows earlier. By the time you read this, 240v. a.c. should be connected at his QTH. Col's 4-tube xtal controlled converter is progressing very well.

Gary L5026 has his new rx going but still some minor troubles. Not long ago a few of the S.W.'s. and Colin erected a 40 ft. mast for his v.h.f. beams and they will most probably be a 10 element on 2 mx and a 4 element on 6 mx. The mast has steps from about 8 ft. to the ground, 40 ft. up and the top section of 12 ft. slides down the top section of piping to within about 4 ft. of the top.

Their converters for 2 and 6 mx will be 3-tube xtal controlled jobs on each band. 6ES8 r.f. amp., 12A7T osc. and 6U8 mixer, feeding into the main converter at 7 Mc., then into the main at 2.5 Mc. Altogether a line up of 14 tubes and he says he may then get occasional signals. He's kidding of course.

Peter Macdonald is building up a 6-tube rx and at present uses a No. 19 set. Thank you, Colin, for all the news from the Mount.

Victoria.—Last meeting of the Group, 17 were present, and lots of plans were discussed, mainly about the construction nights coming up. One of the things that came up was the 8th Dec. Mac played a tape of v.h.f. DX he obtained from W land; this was most excellent.

Rob Young seems to be settling in as the Federal Executive. We can get more out of him now. Noel Harrison has his new 50 ft. mast up the made it himself out of timber and cold steel tubes and now has a 20 mx doubler up, he uses an Eddystone 880 rx. Dave Fraser is having a spot of rx trouble (power supply) but won't be long before he's at it again. Macdonald has bought a new 6U8 Command rx's to feed converters into. You should see his set up. Five of us worked up the VK3 Contests and we had a line up. I climbed a tree, my legs are still stiff and we had a good day. Fred Mackiewicz was there also.

Ray Macdonald has been ill, sorry to hear it son, hope you soon recover 100 per cent. Len Poynter was at our last meeting and he tells us a Q3 or 160 rx can get more CQ, so keep your ears open on the top band.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Letters this month are from Fred Mackiewicz, Peter Dreyer, Chas. Abernethy, Peter Field, Eric Treblecock, Peter Vernon, a newcomer from VK21 and Harry Major. Thank you fellow S.W.'s.

Fred L3103 has been inactive lately due to school exams. Also the transformer in his rx blew up, bad luck Fred. He still has a Phillips d.w. which is really good.

Peter L6221, "The Ears of Nedlands," with all the DX he has heard and cards received, he's only got four Ws. Stationed in Perth, tch. Peter. He sent me a design of an antenna which he was told about by VK6IG. It's a sort of vee, each leg is 56 ft. 6 in. and they are 80 degrees angle. The ends should be lower than the middle for best results. It is fed with open wire and the feeder may be any length. Now the two ends of the legs are joined so from the air it looks like the above. The ant. is multi-directional and works on 20, 40, 80 (for sure) and probably 15, 10, 6, 2 as well, so Peter says. I have one up and it works. He received a QSL card from WVVH with a very interesting pamphlet with all the details of WVVH and WWV.

Not long ago Peter, Eric Hardwick L6001 and his XYL Mrs. Hardwick L6002, visited Fremantle and went over the Japanese ship Ikushima Maru. Peter was aboard from the stern down to the engine room and of course naturally the radio room. They drank Japanese munched potato chips and talked to the radio room ops. Peter twiddled the knobs of the rx for half an hour and tried desperately to get it into his pocket. (Of course he failed, he didn't have his chauffeur with him.) Now this lad hears some DX.

Harry Major has been conspicuous by his absence and he misses us. He's had only a few jobs to do and regrets not keeping up with the latest doings. He hasn't heard much lately, SWI is poor at his QTH but TWI, SWI and TWI can all be heard very well. That is caused through long skip on 40, Harry. He's scrapped his 7-valve super and is looking for a better rx. Hope you are successful Harry.

Peter Field received a s.w.l. card from UQ2-2231 and is mystified why it was sent to him. You've got me, Pete. I wouldn't have a clue, but that sort of thing goes on. S.W.'s sending their card to S.W.l. all over the world. Peter's teacher at school is interested in Amateur Radio too; get to him, Pete, and teach him all. Thanks for the letter.

Eric Treblecock—I am amazed at his statistics, it's really something to be proud of and he's setting a pretty fine example to those who are entirely interested in s.w.l. only, surprisingly enough there are only one or two in VK3 that are interested in s.w.l. It is sad that Amateur Radio that I know of. It's nice to read of Eric's achievements. QSLs received 7,120 if think this is post-war, I'll confirm this next month, has heard 239 countries in 21 zones, 272 confirmed in 40 zones, log entries 248,723. QSL cards received in 1961 to end of Aug. 463 from 111 countries and 35 zones. Reports sent in 1961, 743 to end of Aug. Rarest 15 cards received in August in rare order: ACSPN, ZLVBV/Chatham Is., EG2AT, KM8BT, R0301V, LA2AG and the top section of 12 ft. slides down the top section of piping to within about 4 ft. of the top. A04FN, KL8FBN, HK1QQ, KZ5MQ, ZC4PB, 45TLB. And QSLs so far in Sept: HK72T, JA1ANO, JZ0FH, OZ2NU, UA1E, UA0RD, UY5AV (letter direct in sealed envelope from the Ukraine), UC2KAG, UI8KBA, V2KACIA, W05MW (South Dakota), ZD6RM, W2MACA (mobile marine).

Most amazing don't you think lads, and it is a real pleasure to put them down in this page. In my opinion he's the greatest of all the S.W.'s. and in the bargain a mighty fine guy. He tells me he's done little listening in Sept. so far, only 50 log entries were made. Thanks for your statistics and letter.

Another newcomer is Peter Vernon of VK2. He says "I am an S.W.l. in Sydney and am interested in Amateur Radio." I am sitting for the leaving certificate this year. I have not the time to join the W.I.A." Tch, tch, Peter, that's no good; but he subscribes to "E.R." and after that I'll give him his first copy. Very interesting. Glad you like it Peter. Peter's rx is only a dual valve with no r.f. stage and the antenna is 66 ft. long, 15 ft. off the ground.

Peter's rather unusual method of receiving s.w.l. may be of some interest to S.W.'s. lacking a communications rx. He uses two rx's, the local oscillator of one acting as a b.f.o. for the other on which it is intended to receive the signal. The other rx need only be a 6U8 rx. For example, if one desires to hear a sideband station on 7000 Kc. and the b.c. rx has an i.f. at 455 Kc., simply tune it to 4229 cc. with the volume down and you're done (if it operates on the high side of the received signal will be tuned to 1775 Kc., now the 4th harmonic of this falls nicely at 7000 Kc.—the frequency of a.s.b. station. Careful

manipulation of the b.c. rx's tuning knob will then produce results. Thank you Peter. He also entered in the R.D. and likes it quite well. The World Radio Handbook he likes too. Here are some interesting frequencies to note here. Peter has supplied. The Flying Doctor Service School of the Air around 6.8 Mc. On 6.280 Mc. Melbourne Radio calling Small Ships. Thanks for your letter Peter, most interesting.

Well, fellow S.W.'s., that's my issue for this month, so 73 and best of DX, Maurice L3055.

## DX LADDER

	Countries	Zns.	S.a.b	S.a.b.	No.
	Conf.	Hrd.	Conf.	Conf.	Hrd.
E. Treblecock	272	279	40		7120
D. Grantley	90	229	36	64	
A. Westcott	76	157	30	31	92
M. Hilliard	62	201	26	3	172
M. Cox	32	203	19	3	97
C. Abernethy	27	56	21	7	70
P. Dreyer	19	166	15	2	59
I. Thomas	16	130	13		36
P. Field	13	118	9		
N. Harrison	16	20	13		160
J. Jenkins	10	10	10		
N. Fisher	3	36	3		3

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## NOTES

## FEDERAL

The annual subscription rate to R.S.G.B. for Overseas Corporate Members is 25/- sterling. Application forms may be obtained from the R.S.G.B. Headquarters, New Ruskin House, Little Russell St., London, W.C.1.

At the annual meeting of A.R.R.L. Board of Directors on May 5, 1961, Raymond E. Meyers, WSM LZ, moved that all references to time in any League publications or bulletins of the Communications Department be in G.M.T.

### RADIO AIDS SHEEP RESEARCH

It was reported by "New Scientist," May 25, that in Australia, the C.S.I.R.O. has equipped selected sheep with portable radio transmitters. The transmitter is used for sending data about the times spent by sheep in grazing and ruminating. Movements of the jaw open and close a switch which causes a signal to be sent to recording apparatus in the laboratory. No mention is made of frequency being used for these tests or the exact location.

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Congratulations to Keith Jeffcoat, VK2BK, and Alan Nutt, VK2DN, for establishing communication over five miles on 10,000 Mc. VK-2DN transmitter on 10,000 Mc. and VK2BK on 144 Mc. Contact was at 1445K on June 3.

The Virginia Civil War Commission and the Richmond Amateur Radio Club of Richmond, Virginia, are pleased to announce a new award to be known as the Virginia Civil War Centennial Award, VA-CWC. This award is being issued from the capital of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia, to commemorate the four years of the War between the States, 1861-65.

This award is available to all licensed Amateurs. No award is to be made to s.w.'s. The requirement of the award for stations outside the United States and Canada is that they must have 10 Virginia stations, 3 of which must be Richmond stations. Henrico and Chesterfield County stations will be counted as Richmond stations. Contacts shall be made during the period from April 1, 1961, to and including May 31, 1965.

Applications for this award shall be addressed to the Richmond Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 73, Richmond 1, Virginia. The list submitted shall be signed by two other licensed Amateur operators or an officer of the local radio club certifying the fact that the applicant has the QSLs in his possession, verifying the contacts. A charge of 50 cents or 4 I.R.C.'s, shall accompany the application.

This award is issued by Edmond Amateur Radio Society, of 318 East Hurd, Edmond, Oklahoma, U.S.A. All DX stations are to contact three members of the Society after 1st August, 1959. Applicants must send list of stations contacted, giving time, mode and frequency. There is no charge. S.w.'s. are eligible for this award.

The Secretary of the Society, Bertha WJCY, would like to QSO a YL or XYL of VK Hams.

Our congratulations to the retiring Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs, on his appointment as General Manager of the Far East-Pacific-Australia division of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation and Vice-President of International Standard Electric Corporation.

As Director-General he has been associated with many impressive policy changes and in 1956, Mr. Stradwick was chairman of the Olympic Games Communications and Broadcasting Committee.

### GENERAL MEETING

The Sept. meeting of the Division was held, as is customary, at Science House, Gloucester St., Sydney, and was presided over by Bill 2YB. The attendance was somewhat disappointing, but the lack of members in the Division was more than made up for by the presence of a goodly number of visitors. These were welcomed by the President and included: Jim 4BZ, Gordon Green, Robin Germon, Ron Mayall, Serge Dubrich, Toba Kozel and Des Wickham. Appearances were also made by the following: 2ZMP, 2KVS, 2ZH, 2AGH and 2ZTM. The passing of Frank Goyno, VKUZX, was announced and members observed a silence of one minute to his memory. New members admitted consisted of 12 members, 23 associate members, and 1 member club.

The lecture for the evening was yet another highlight arranged by our Education Officer, Bob Zuker, of Commonwealth Electronics, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts. Zuker, who has an address on Transistors in Communications Equipment<sup>1</sup> and liberally illustrated his points with slides, presented a most interesting lecture on meeting needs and support those who are working behind the scenes to arrange lectures of such a high standard, and to absorb some of the technical details of the subject. Coming. At the conclusion of the lecture, ECO proposed the vote of thanks and suggested that a permanent record of the lecture be made by the IRE and IAP. After the vote, the lecturer, announced that Mr. Zuker had expressed his willingness to make a tape of the lecture and that the tape would be made and placed in his lecture to the Division.

The Federal Councillor's report was received and Pierce SAPQ further dealt with agenda items which have been already received and which will be discussed at the Federal Convention which they will be held in the near future. A note of warning, any members having items which they wish to be discussed at the Convention, should forward them to the Federal Councillor, 74 Aitchison St., Crowns Nest, by no later than 15 June 1962, but it is desirable that they be forwarded as soon as possible.

Jim AHz spoke in glowing terms of the assistance the VK2 Division had been in supplying the Wide Bay and Burnett Radio Club with Correspondence Course papers in the past year, and welcomed an increase in the amateur population in that area.

Meetings have been held of a small committee to arrange the Divisional Convention, which will be held in January 1963. The Divisional Convention will be held at the House on January 26 at which no doubt many country members will be present. The following day, Saturday, a Dinner will be arranged and the Divisional Dinner will be held on the Sunday. Since the organisation of these functions is only in its early stages, no firm announcements can be made, but later issues of "A" will contain more details. The committee carry more information. The main thing is to reserve that date and be here in Sydney to take your part in this, the Divisional activity.

Helpers will also be required as time goes on so join in and assist your Council by doing your bit and maybe the other fellow will join in also. Remember, "many hands make light work."

The Sept. meeting of the Branch was again well attended, there being 19 members, nine associates and three visitors present. Main business of the evening was the lecture by Keith Jeffcoat, VK2BK, of "Radio and Hobbies," entitled "Improving the Performance of Your Receiver." The lecture was very well received and members were presented with

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of:—

VK2JP—Jack Pike.

printed diagrams to illustrate the various modifications suggested. Many of the chaps rushed home to get out their soldering irons and high gain valves following the lecture. At least one member, Tony Mullen, has made his ARS "go like a rocket" since hearing about the finer points. Mind you I think he had a pretty fair idea before. Our old and respected bubble-buque man, Shannon from the bay, reckons he is going to build a preselector to give more gain.

I am told that no preselectors are needed to hear the f.b. 2 mhz signal radiated by John 22/G. Congratulations on a mighty signal. I am sure that the high activity in the zone is on the increase and a movement is afoot to have all those interested obtain identical xtals so that a net may be formed. What about it chaps? For further details see the 22/G page. Your xtals will be sent to you as soon as they can be obtained. Among the visitors seen at recent meetings has been Bill 2C/W. I don't think it would take much arm-twisting to get Bill to join our ranks and so you professional arm-twisters, get busy!

Some people are never satisfied. Did you hear that A Young Lad gave ZSG a 5 and 9 report the other night on 2 mx? Nothing strange you may say, but here's the pay-off. Not two minutes later the same Young Lad gave Bill 2XT a report of some hum. Well? Well they were using the same tx. Some people stop watches too! The hon. member for Ticklehole Tunnel, Raspberry Jam, has sold his 122. This can only mean one thing. He is secretly building a super mobile rig to put out a louder sig. than Bill 2XT next field day.

And speaking of field days, we've just had a beauty—or so the lads seem to think. For those of you dear readers who were not there, let me tell you that it was a real success. It was like this. To begin, the dinner this year was held at the Esplanade Hotel at the top of the town and everybody agreed that this was a good present including, of course, the P.M.G. Depart., Neville 2XV editor of "Radio and Hobbies," Ray 2HC, Harold 2AAH and many more. The chief editor has been kind to let you see some of the distinguished persons in a photo in this issue. After the Loyal Toast proposed by Lionel 2CS, Bob 2AQR lit his now famous cigar and the business of the evening was to give the toastmaster a bowl of delicious food we lent an ear to the speeches of the evening. They were "Our Visitors"—Stuart 2AF, responded to by Professor 2AF, Ray 2HC, and Yousang, representing the I.R.E. and P.M.G. respectively. Amateur Radio and the W.L.A.—Ray 2HC, to which Max 2MP responded. There was then a presentation of the Loyal Toast and a number of technical literature offered by Gordon.

Members of this time had adjourned to the lounge to hear the guest speaker for the evening, Neville Williams, deliver his address. Williams was to speak on the subject of information about the production of the Journal "Radio, Television and Hobbies." To complete the program, Williams was to write with me to do a test with some imported Citizen's Band gear. This was most impressive and although Williams was at the beginning of his speech, word that came through the small speaker was audible. Neville said they had a range of up to 100 miles at the beginning of the speech, weighing a few ounces. And to really put the cap on it, Gordon announced that John DIZ, local manager for Astor, having already donated a grand prize, had now made another generous donation. We had to wait until the next day to see our prize. It was a Citizen's Band radio, 21 inch t.v. rx. Up until the time of writing these notes, it has not been decided who will win our prize. I am sure that the person you'll all know who was the recipient. The caption was to read, "For the most meritorious contribution to the Journal." Williams was chewing out the hostelry, parties went their several ways and prepared for the

The day was windy and hot but competitors, not to be daunted by the weather, began arriving early and soon the field day was under way. The first event was the relay race with four bands, and this was won by Bill 2XT with the milev kilowatt. I'm joking of course, Mr. Davidson. He also managed to take off his shirt and run the rest of the race. He cunningly concealed the tx in each case. The 7 megs hunt was not so easy by all accounts and had 2AAH, who came in with minutes to spare, must have used some kind of loop which was equipped with "sense". And that was about the only sense in this hunt as far as I know. The last event was the search around the quadrangle at Booragui High School, lan 2AUF Tony and Helen, 2nd op, of 2PZ, kept up a barrage of funny stories. These

seems they did for the terrible trio remained unfound, except by Harold, for the hour. While all this was going on, a 65-passenger launch was cruising on the lake with XYLs, YLs, OMs and junior ops on board. And to make matters even more hectic, a Bendish quiz, dreamed up by an old character, was circulating among all who had nothing else to do.

As well as the mobile competitions, a display of home-built gear was arranged with a handsome prize for the winner. Each participant in each competition was given a ticket to be drawn at the end of the day. The prize for this was the Astor car radio. It was won by Rex 2YF who also won the prize for the best home-built gear. Erica, XYL of Ivan 2AIM, scooped the ladies' quiz again for the third year in succession. Next year we're having a special elimination contest! OMs' quiz was won by Stuart 2AYF and the prize for the best field day programme submitted went to Dave 2AWZ.

And so ended another Blackalls Field Day. Many stories were told and many old acquaintances were renewed and many vows to return against next year were taken. It was pleasing to see such a good roll up and also to see some faces which had been missing from meetings for some time. Among these was Harry 2YL from the coal city. Hope to see you at the meetings too Harry. One of the regulars who could not be there was Harry 2AFA as he was in the hospital with his feet up. He's back on deck again now though and we wish you a speedy convalescence Harry. The committee is most grateful to the Booragul ham-burgers for their assistance with the erection of signs and other "behind the scenes" jobs.

P.S.—if you want to know more about 2.5 mx and the mysteries associated therewith, join yourself along to the University College, Tighes Hill, on Friday week, that's the 10th, and there you will find a man who knows much about this subject. Yes, I mean Harry 2RU. So roll up and let's awaken 144 in Newcastle. As Bill is doing a Columbus act just now, I doubt that there'll be any social meeting during November. Never mind, see you the month after. 73, 2AXX.

#### SOUTH-WESTERN ZONE

The Ninth Annual Convention of the South-Western Zone of the W.I.A. was held over the holiday week-end, 30th Sept.-1st Oct. at Tumburumba. President of the W.I.A. N.S.W. Division, Bill 2YB, accompanied by his XYL and son, and Councillor Tim 2ZTM, represented the Divisional Council. The Convention opened on the Saturday morning at the Tumburumba Show Ground with registration and rag chews. During the afternoon the beauty spots of the surrounding district were viewed, when a tour was conducted by John 2ZZ. The evening activities commenced in the C.W.A. Hall, with the Convention Dinner, which was chaired by Bill 2ARV. Sixty-six persons attended the dinner during which the Shire President, Cr. O'Keefe, officially opened the Convention. The toast of the W.I.A. was acknowledged by Tim

## OBITUARY

### FRANK GOYEN, VK5UX

The death occurred, in Concord Repatriation Hospital on 30th August last, of Frank Goyen, VK5UX, after four months' serious illness. Though Frank may not have been known to many members today, it was under his leadership that the N.S.W. Division began its new lease of life as the A.R.A. of N.S.W. was wound up and put into liquidation in the early thirties. Frank had held most offices in the Division over a number of years and rose to the rank of Squadron-Leader in the R.A.A.F. Amateur Radio was well represented at his funeral, by his brothers-in-law, VKs 2EK and ex-2LS, and the Institute was represented by a life-long friend, Jim 2YC. The sympathy of members is extended to his family.

### H. M. (MERY.) BROWN, EX-VK6MB

Late R.A.A.F. and P.M.G. aged 55 years. Radio Amateurs in VK5 heard this month, with regret and sadness, of the untimely passing of "Merv," as he was affectionately known to all and sundry. Although not active on the air for the past few years, he was in close contact with the Amateurs through his official capacity as a Radio Inspector, but is most remembered for ready assistance toward the budding Amateur, especially during the early 1950's when he established his school for training in Morse and theory, most of the early "M" call signs in VK5 being a lasting tribute to his painstaking attention to his students.

Respected by all for his fairness and high principles, it often being said of him that he would fight as hard for you as against you, if he felt it necessary. His passing is a severe blow to the VK5 Radio fraternity.

To his sorrowing wife, Ivy, we extend our deepest and sincere sympathy, and can only hope that time will assist to ease the sense of loss and sorrow through which she is passing.

2ZTM and at the conclusion of the dinner, an interesting address on Wireless Institute matters was presented by the President, Bill 2YB. Films were then enjoyed until supper time.

Activity commenced on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, with a 2 mx fox hunt. This was won by Eddie 1YF, second place went to Tim 2ZTM. The fox was Keith 2ZAA. Back to the grounds by 11 a.m., all gathered around to listen to the Divisional broadcast. Due to poor conditions, contact was impossible on the call-back. Next came the Disposal Sale, which was well attended, after which lunch was taken. The early afternoon from 1.30 to 2.45 found members busy with the all-band scramble, but once again due to poor conditions, most of the contacts were of a local nature. How-

ever, Bill 2YB turned in a log of 1-4 contacts to take first place, the minor placings being filled by Frank 2ACQ, with 13 contacts, and Ross 2FN with 12 contacts.

At 3 p.m. the hidden, its hunt got under way, to be won by Tim 2ZTM with Keith 2ZAA filling second place. Back again at the Showgrounds, the final event of the Convention was the bling of the various award section was a tie between Beverly Hilton and Freda 2SU. First in the girls' went to Dave 2DE, second place was held by Tim 2ZTM. Graceme Flynn took away the first prize in the harmonic section, with Fiona Cuts coming second. After afternoon tea, prizes were presented to the winners of the various events and the zone officer thanked all for attending and the Tumburumba boys for a job well done. A film evening was held for the boys over night and a very enjoyable tour of the area was conducted on the Monday.

### YOUTH RADIO CLUBS

There are gratifying signs of increased interest (official and otherwise) in Youth Radio Clubs. The VK2 Council have approved in principle of the grant of 100% on the lines formulated by Rex 2YA and a Youth Radio Club Committee is being born with members, Rex 2YA, Bro. Lee 2AXX, Keith 2ARX and Ken 1KM.

Canberra is on its way to being a busy centre, as far as spare time permits. Youth groups are meeting at 11LS (Leahman High School), IBC (projected at Police Boys' Club), and IACA (Canberra Radio Society). The total of active members is about 60. Old sets are collected and scrapped for parts. A series of 22 stencilled sheets is available, ranging from "Information Sheet and Membership Form," "Crystal Set," "Colour Code and Valve Sockets," to circuits for 1 transistor, 1 valve and upwards. (Copies available if anyone writes to 1KM). The VK2 Correspondents are in steady demand (but not allowed to interfere with high school home-work). The results in a few years should be interesting.

### THE BLUE MOUNTAINS SECTION

The monthly meeting for October was held at Lawson Council Chambers, as usual, and 14 members attended. There being no business the night was devoted to business, the section field day programme was finalised and it looks like a good day should be had by those who join us on 5th November.

The lecture Dave 2NK delivered to C.D. at Lawson was well received. A typical evacuation film was shown and proved very enlightening. Eight club members attended. Lawson to support Dave and by the many questions asked all round, the night was voted a complete success.

The on-the-air get-together is proving quite successful, even though the October night was a bit confused. Some of us remained on till almost midnight. Don't forget second Friday at 2000 hours, 80 and 2 mx.

Sid 2AVK is selling up all his gear in preparation for going on six weeks' holiday and

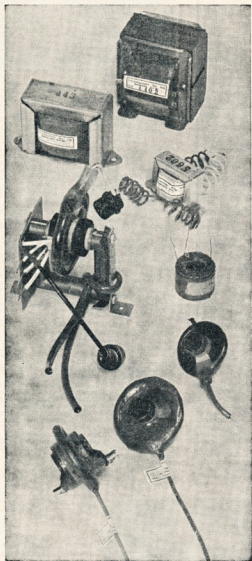


Hunter Branch of N.S.W. Division, W.I.A., held its Annual Dinner on 30/9/61. Among the 70 who attended were (standing, from left) Gordon 2ZSG, Branch Secretary; Pierce 2APQ, Federal Councillor; Allen Fairhall, M.H.R.; 2KB; Stuart 2AYF, Branch President; Lionel 2CS, Branch Vice-President; and seated Professor J. S. Ratcliffe, M.I.R.E.; Ray 2HC; H. S. Young, 2AMZ, P.M.G's. Dept.; W. N. Williams, 2XV, Editor "R.T. & H."

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then perhaps for an extended working tour. Sid will have portable equipment, about 29w. on all bands, so keep a little out for him. Alec 2EX has obtained a 2 mx 100w. rig—yet another to the clan. Hope to hear a lot of you on 2 Alec. Don 2ART will have studio modulation very soon and is going to throw the key away. Looks like I will have to hot things up here to keep up with the Jones! Dick 2RM must be a quiet worker. My spies haven't come up with anything yet, maybe next month.

No excuse for Noel Walker now, he has all the bits and pieces for his h.f. tx and is listening on 2 mx and has more than half a tx for that band. January exam, Noel? Jack 2ADP will be on holidays in a week or so, half your luck and have a good time. Col 2AQH was on 2 mx the other night with Bob 2ASZ, and according to my spies Bob is going to have a go at sideband. 73, 2ADA.

#### BOORAGAL HIGH SCHOOL RADIO CLUB

Although there has not been a great deal of transmitting activity this month, things are still moving behind the scenes and it is hoped that regular transmissions can now be maintained. The club has just completed the recruiting drive from second-year classes and our numbers have almost doubled. Most of the senior boys are getting ready for examinations towards the club attainment certificates and it is hoped that some of the new members may also try for the Elementary in December.

Now that Ian has his call, 2A2F, he has taken to hiding 'tx'. At least he very effectively hid the 40 mx one for the recent Blackbills Field Day so that only one contestant found it. Tony helped him there. Bruce and Allen acted as pathfinders, not for the hidden tx, and put up the signs directing strangers to Blackbills.

Rex 2YA has presented the club with quite a quantity of gear including among other things, an AT5 on loan from the Institute. We may have a big signal soon!—73, 2ATZ.

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#### HIGH SCHOOL RADIO CLUB MEMBER GETS FULL LICENCE

One of the members of the Booragal High School Radio Club (M.S.W.) has recently been allocated his full call. He is Ian Forrest, VK-2A2F, a seventeen-year-old fifth year pupil. Although he has been interested in radio since he was 12, Ian began serious study only last December. Ian is the first member of the recently formed school radio clubs to gain his ticket. Because of school work, he finds it difficult to build a ham shack as much as he would like, but he intends to make up for this when the Leaving Certificate is over. A keen operator, Ian, found little difficulty in reaching the required speed for the A.O.C.P. The theory, he says, was a different matter.



The photograph shows Ian at the school station, VK2A2F. He designed and constructed the 'tx', which runs about 15 watts, crystal controlled.

#### VICTORIA STATE CONVENTION

On Saturday, 30th Sept., the Twelfth Annual State Convention commenced at 2.15 p.m. at Scott's Hotel when Senator Hannan opened the meeting. The Senator gave a short speech outlining certain facets of the Ad Hoc Frequency Committee and stated that regrettably he could not give any advance information. He continued with an outline of the regard in which he held the W.I.A. and wished all a successful and pleasant Convention, which it truly was. All present then visited the equipment display put on by various companies and which gave all there an opportunity to obtain first hand information on various items ranging from a xial microphone to a full size communications transceiver. In addition, leaflets on various items were available and these were rapidly put into people's pockets. Excellent displays were featured by Messrs. Mullard, Cunningham, Zephyr, Philips, A. & R., E. A. Monk, Warburton Franki, Collins and Pye, who generously donated various trophies for the Convention prizes.

After afternoon tea the Convention business started. David Faraway was in with Michael Owen Secretary. Business commenced by reading the past minutes which, after hav-

ing been accepted and discussed, left the way clear for new business. The Secretary gave a detailed and interesting report on the past year and culminating in the temporary loss of the Victoria Parade rooms and then outlined the steps being taken to attempt to have permission granted for our future occupancy. All present were surprised at the detail involved in these proceedings and approved of Council's action in the matter. The meeting continued by discussing various other matters which led to hilarity or ire, depending upon whether those present agreed with or disapproved of the subject under discussion. However, even if it may have seemed dull, this important part of the Convention was actually very interesting and gratifying to note that so many attended.

At the conclusion of the Convention business the meeting retired and the Dinner then commenced. This was a most successful event and the laughter and talking during the entire evening reflected everyone's enjoyment of an outstanding time; and every credit must be given to Doug Bowie for his masterful effort in organising the feature of the day. If you could not be present make up your mind now to come along next year as it is an event you will wish to take part in again or participate for the first time. Put aside two shillings a week for the next year, so you can afford to take your wife or YL and have an evening out; it is worth it.

On the Sunday a large gathering took place at Ferny Creek picnic grounds where the day commenced at 10 a.m., but many were there far earlier. The first event was the tx hunt and 75-130. The meeting was held in a place from the grounds and was re-broadcast over the p.a. system, then at 11 a.m. the first disposals, auctioning. Some of the afternoon soon filled with eager bargain hunters, all of whom obtained something for the junk box. By now the grounds were beginning to fill with people, cars, children, and the smell of a barbecue lunch being cooked, so only a few were prepared to leave and inspect the tx. tx at Mr. Dunderberg. Some of the afternoon fox hunt on 80 and 2 mx, whilst others just enjoyed a QSO with their friends.

After lunch a mystery taped voice contest was held and the winner was the 29w. 29w. year: Duck Talk Demons V. Ancient Modulation Maulers. This would have gladdened the heart of any amateur enthusiast. Anything, but anything went, including the businessmen, all swore the pitch was at least four hundred yards long. No cricket was played in spite of the official description. The afternoon (Oh well, it only proves the superiority of A.M. on all occasions.)

By now the children were enjoying themselves and being rewarded for winning races and the other events which had been arranged for them.

This two-day Convention was an event which reflects credit on all concerned and proves that every family can really enjoy themselves if they participate. One family, a group of VK0, were so out of it that they phoned their good wishes from Wilkes, and this was only one highlight of an outstanding two days.

And so concludes the Convention of most successful Convention for which all credit must be given to the most important people—all the exhibitors, the organisers, and the sponsors arranged by a very large team of organisers to whom our thanks are due.

#### MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting on October 4 was addressed by George Bille-Thompson, 3AHN, on the subject "The Subject of Photography." George prefaced his talk with the observation that many Amateurs work at interesting jobs not necessarily connected with radio, and that other Amateurs would much from hearing about them. George, who works with Kodak, the name that is synonymous with the subject, described the operation of the machine which applies the sensitive coating to film and paper. This machine, 400 feet long, worth a fortune, and the only one in the southern hemisphere, equipped with elaborate instrumentation, any instrument of which may be replaced at a moment's notice with a substitute. George outlined the steps in making the emulsion coating the stock and checking the sensitive materials, and described some of the elaborate precautions which must be taken to avoid contamination.

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explosions was then screened. Any t.v. servicemen present are probably still suffering from nightmares. The talk was rounded off with a film depicting the handling of the camera lenses. The fact that lenses are of reasonable price in spite of the great number of making good operations is a testimony to the triumphs of mass-production. On behalf of us all, the President thanked George for his very interesting lecture.

The next meeting on the 11th November will be on the subject, "Marine Electronic Equipment."—J.AEL.

**EASTERN ZONE**

Main news this month seems to centre around 2 mx where we have a hive of activity. New stations are being set up. The number of long absence, are 3QZ, 3AIT, 3TH, with 3BB yet to report in.

Two new members, Ken and Bill (surnames unknown) are to join their A.O.C.P. in October; best of luck, boys. By this time, George 3ZCG will have his 32 element 2 mx array up 90 ft. Feeding with 150W. Peter 3ZDP is preparing a 4-125A for 2 mx. Stan 3ZAB has put his 16 element 2 mx beam back in the air, not much good there, Stan, unless you connect up George 3ZCG's 16 element 2 mx array with Peter 3ZLT at West Preston at 0630 hours on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. With David 3ZAG and 3ZAG joining in occasionally. David 3DY managing to still work a few W, JA, and UAs on 10 mx and keep regular skeds with a JA. Rex 3ZAQ is testing a 2 element mobile. Would he like action for the Xmas holidays.—3DY.

**NORTH EASTERN ZONE**

Activity on the Friday night hook-up in this zone has been very good over the last month and some very interesting QSOs have been reported. The number of stations putting in an hour or so is steadily increasing and there were a total of 12 participants on the last hook-up, including 10 new members to the zone. Alan 3AYD (at Mooroonoo) and Greg 3AWT (Waia, hope that's the way it is spelt, Greg). Both stations were welcomed to the zone and congratulations extended to both on obtaining the A.O.C.P. Alan informed us that there should be at least three more stations (new) to appear in the next week within two or three weeks from that area.

3KR, 3AXW, 3JP, 3AUL, 3KU, 3AHO are all regular contributors. Stan, still sideband happy, says that nothing is just at its own frequency and work 'em out after the other. Ken must be running Bill 3AHO a close second now; Bill has certificates everywhere. 3AUL tries out the 10 ft. antenna and reckons it's a beauty on 20 mx—used it four times and worked four new countries. That's a bit of consolation for the strife he's had over the past few weeks with worn out generators and a crook wave switch.

Bob 3JTW heard on his way down to Bendigo. Understand Bob is a very worried boy these days; wondering just what the second harmonic will be like; he has no fingernails left, anyway Bob, all the best to you and Berry and congratulations from all zone members in anticipation of the big event.

The 20th Century Convention has been booked lately, possibly sometime early March, and Malanga has been mentioned in conjunction with Mount Major. Would like to hear more of these meetings. It's nice to see as to their thoughts on this matter. So what about it, chaps, hear you all next Friday night at 2000 hours, in the meantime happy days, 73 SAUL.

**WESTERN ZONE**

On Sept. 24 we journeyed to Mt. Arapahoe where our services were rendered. Approx. 30 Hams were present, so together with budding Hams and friends, we had a gathering of about 50. We were pleased to have two VKs who who had been in the States, and our plenic lunch and much talk, our annual meeting was held.

Our President is Trev. 3ATR, with Merv 3AFO and Bert 3EF Vice-Presidents, and still same Secretary—3AKW. Tx hunt was next on the programme. Merv 3AJF planted himself in the 40V and screw well up the hill, and was eventually found after some phantom signals were heard. John 3AGD was first to find the 40V, and the 40V was assisted by his car before our next hunt. John was closely followed by Herb 3NN.

Evening meal was enjoyed at a hotel in Horsham. The 40V and 40V were taken away to Merv's home. Here technical films were enjoyed by all. Merv and Trev must be thanked for selecting and screening these. Supper was enjoyed. The programme was but it was probably the most enjoyed. Merv's wife, Nora, was the one who excelled at looking after the last 10 minutes of the programme. It was Olive, YXL of Keith 3ATS.—73, 3AKW.

**QUEENSLAND**

**THE SUNSHINE STATE**

Has ye Ed, given us credit for sunshine this month? I have been reading of "Ed" and I wonder if it is because he feared an exodus from the States where there is not so much sunshine? Just between you and me, we could do with a drop in temperature.

Usually the news I write is a bit stale by the time you read it, but this month we should still have "Jamboree of the Air" fresh in our minds. By the amount of interest shown, should be a good show and we will have learnt a few things to make it a better show next year. Nearly everyone directly approached readily accepted responsibility for organising a Scout district or districts. Many were contacted by letter and at the time of writing a letter to the Central Queensland Branch got away to a flying start but have a few close on their heels. Those Amateurs who could be contacted easily or who volunteered were organisers. Let us have your reports and comments, organisers, so that we can assess our efforts and our strength.

**GENERAL MEETING**

This was held on Friday, 22nd at the State Service Union rooms and over 30 were present. Jim 4PR, in the chair, started the meeting at 8 o'clock and after some initial business arising out of the previous meeting's minutes, dealing with QTC and the Ambery visit had been dealt with, went into general business. This was a short discussion on "Jamboree of the Air" in which Bob 4RB, who I think, instigated the project in this State, spoke. The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m. and every one to hear an interesting lecture, illustrated by many good colour slides, on a visit to New York and America by "Doc" 4MO. There were plenty of laughs and questions until "Doc" stopped at 9.25 when Jack 4JF proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers. Some oddments and there was quite a rag chew during supper. Did I say something wrong?

Bill 4WX is going along OK but it will be a while before he can take an active part again although he listens to many of the hook-ups.

It was noted at the Council meeting that Bill 4WX would be able to undertake his secretarial duties for some time and as there were no volunteers, Jim 4PR will fill the breach. To reach the 1000th birthday of the State, it was suggested that yours truly become chair chairman of the Council.

**GENERAL**

The unclaimed QSL cards listed each month has proved a worthwhile feature as many cards have been claimed. This month's list is 4QV, 4OV, 4PR, 4PS, 4DS, 4SC.

Among callers for cards has been 4GE. Pressure of business has kept him off the air for some years, but he hopes to become active in the near future. Old-timer, Bob 4RB, a regular attendee of general meetings, is a great help to the Scout movement and station 4AH at Ayr.

Dr. Thomas, of the Physics Dept. Qld. University, will tell us of his work at the November general meeting. Dr. Thomas' job is "long distance trans equatorial propagation research." Come along to the talk for YQV. I have not heard of any items for the Federal agenda being forwarded. Don't leave it too late.

Who knows anything about the Brisbane DX Club which is listed in books with world-wide circulation?

The V.H.F. Group is as lively and active as ever. They held a meeting at the QTH of Malcolm 4ZEL on 15th to discuss ways and means of tx hunting. Their next tx hunt will be on 14th Nov. and they have booked a room for 6 mx short openings with JAI, 4JF and 4JG. Next meeting at QTH of 4ZAG, Toowoong.

The Northern Command Club's Sept. meeting, which was chaired by President Brian, passed a motion amending the constitution and the new posts of secretary and treasurer were filled by Jim Green and Tony Crane.

Heard Brian 4ZAP galloping off to Southport the other day with his mobile.

**CENTRAL QUEENSLAND**

The Sept. meeting was to include a lecture by 4MT on the use of a 40V and a 40V full of radio gear, including car radio, xtal

converters, 7-14-50 and 144 Mc., a tx for 7-14 Mc. and for 50-144 Mc.—three tx in all. A modulator is switched for the tx in use and so on and so on—poor Stella.

Hal 4DO has his new tx on the air and it's 144 proof; comes through to here very b. 4FN has a transistorised modulator in mobile gear to the Secretariat at Box 633D and appropriate action will be taken.

Anyone hearing private s.s. "phone patches" on 21 Mc. band is asked to pass information on to the Secretariat at Box 633D and appropriate action will be taken.

**SOUTH COAST**

Settling on the land is Tex 4TX, who is leaving the coast for the highlands within sight of his old haunts and from which he will be able to look down on us all. Here's all the best for success in the venture, Tex.

Spring and the holiday season are affecting the boys. Alf 4OL has been heard bursting forth into song and then took off for holidays in the States before he could get to Byron Bay and north to Rockhampton. The mobile was not forgotten, but the tyre pump was and Alf 4OL has been heard at the beach and the motorist he was able to proceed on his way.

The Muse also stirred Howard 4WO, while he was at Caloundra, but the effort was in vain. Stan 4BA has been heard at the results one of these days. Stan 4SA crawled from under a heap of tax avoidance forms and before anyone knew, he bobs up in Bundaberg on the South Coast. Heard him southward and heard well and often are Jim 4HZ and Bill 4SW. The Sunny State is also an object of the eye for the boys. Sid 4WS and 3WS have been heard frequently, 73, 4WS.

**CAIRNS**

Basil 4ZW carried out tests on 6 mx with John 4ZAV and Charlie 4GA, who were with a "Gentle Annie," near Millaa Millaa, but a car was heard by the Townsville boys.

South Australia's new station, Cairns Amateur got a big bright recently when he realised he was a little late paying his license fee and broke all records to the local P.O. What about about your transistors? You powered tx that fits in the palm of your hand. Harry 4HK? Claude 4ZY was in hospital for a while and Basil 4ZW has been in "cabooks" with the boys.

Instead of John 4ZAV going to Gordonvale, he went to Brisbane and got married, but is now back at Atherton. Congrats. John.

**TOWNSVILLE**

They have done it again, the beautiful cover on the October anniversary issue of "A.R." Simple, but arresting. (Flattery will get you nowhere.—Ed.)

Can we let our sister Dominion, Canada, beat us? See by August "QST" that the Canadian Government has granted a Citizens Band as from April 1962.

The local radio club had a station in the Trade and Industry Fair during Sept. and Oct. and the club has a good record.

Have heard Claude 4UX testing up skeds with the various Pacific Islands for the Scout Jamboree. Very sorry to be out when Sid 2SG called on him and he was in the mists. Anyhow, will see you both in November.

Conditions on the bands are screwy to say the least. On 14 Mc. one night it will open and the bands are closed and all sorts of a roster. Last Sunday missed out the W.I.A. news, conditions were against it even though Norton 9NT was in the help out. Though we have a drought, the conditions seems to be getting more and more as the boys here are going sideband happy, although one or two of the old timers still prefer the key for chasing the DX.

Eric 4EL has had mention in "QST" and also the 40V and 40V. The 40V and 40V are running into the many thousands since the start of the pre-war and has over 6,000 QSLs to Prove it.

Signals being deciphered here has it that a W.I.A. club is to be formed in Ayr now they have the necessary W.I.A. members here.

Giving a chap the other night signing HVA heard QTH as Seoul in Korea. The new calls certainly keep one guessing.

The northern Z boys seem to have given the 40V away. They have heard a 40V and they are sweating out the code. Hope this is the only reason I never hear them. Maybe the 40V is a 40V and the band will open to the south. 73, 4RW.

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The monthly general meeting of the VKS Division was held in the clubroom on 12, a somewhat below-normal gathering of members. I chronicle this fact with a sad heart, because I had been hoping during the month of December that attendance would be "R. & H." to the effect that attendances were down at most Divisional meetings, and he gave the reason why. The reason was that he was about to be called all ready to go to town on the fact of the VKS splendid attendance at meetings, and I had been hoping that he would be called to do a little audacious boasting about VKS to boot. Let us draw the curtain on my missed opportunity and carry on with the meeting.

The chairman, John SJC, with a usual capacity for preparation, had a little Divisional business into the opening of the night but was short circuited by an unscrupulous Council member, who for his own protection shall remain nameless, who moved that all business be suspended and the lecture begin at once. John retired in hurt and disappeared into space, after introducing the lecturers, and did not appear until much later in the night.

The two lecturers were Ian S1W and Alastair S2AE and their subject, as given to me by the "Translators" as applied to radio communication. It was evident very early in the lecture that both speakers had given considerable thought, both technically and in their presentation. The lecture was a mixture and the result more than justified the expectations of the members present. They listened with interest, and about 75 per cent. of the audience were somewhat at sea when it came to transistors, the remaining 25 per cent. had varying degrees of knowledge on the subject and therefore a somewhat non-technical approach to the subject would work out the best. Alastair came on first and handled the technical side, illustrating new operational curves and some occasional reference to alpha and beta on the blackboard, thus proving that although he had openly admitted his lack of knowledge, he was not afraid to learn, this was only said to put everybody at ease, and then went on to discuss the subject in a way that was easy to understand, accompanied by a thoroughly down-to-earth discussion on his own practical experiences with transistors, and circuitry, which was so interesting that the audience began to worry to see him leave the stage. Ian now took over and won the hearts of all by his clear and concise presentation, which was technical as the previous lecturer, because to put it bluntly, he did not know much about transistors. He then launched forth in a humorous and practical discussion on the construction and operation of a commercial transistor receiver, proving beyond doubt that he had forgotten his transistors, and that more than most present had ever known.

It is extremely difficult to cover the lecture in these pages, mainly because of the blackboard, and the fact that I can't remember any fear of contradiction, that throughout the lecture at no time did it become boring or over the heads of those present, and the whole night was conducted in a pleasant and interesting way that both Alastair and Ian had put into their lecture, and they both should have been well pleased with the result. The vote of thanks was ably proposed by Johnny S3O and the applause at its conclusion must have been music to the ears of both lecturers.

Little business, either Federal or Divisional, reared its ugly head, although a letter from the VKS Division regarding QSL cards was voted and all present agreed to the contents and no doubt the boys will endeavour to keep future QSL cards down to the point of no return, and the matter was granted by the postal authorities. A handsome, debonair, athletic, muscular member jumped to his feet and enquired as to why VKS2 was not present, and the answer was, "muttering something" about VK2 and their privileges, the word Max being heard now and then. Peace being restored, the chairman thanked the members for their presence, £10.40, and all present retired to their couches, etc., etc., etc.

The Emergency Fire Services Communications Committee met on 12, and John SJC represented the Division in the joint role of President of the Division and Co-ordinator of W.I.C.E.N. John was one of the speakers at the meeting, and was very successful in extending the W.I.C.E.N. activities in VKS, and the outcome is that a conference of the technical committees will be held in the near future, at which two representatives

of W.I.C.E.N. and two representatives of the Elizabeth Radio Club will attend, and it is hoped that the meeting will be permitted to assume its true position in the emergencies of the State.

Carl S5S has that many projects in hand that he does not know which way to turn these days. The number one project is, of course, the big rig, which has already taken almost 100 hours of time, and the other projects are, the rumour has it that soon the budgies, the canaries, the maples, the eagles and the elephants, sorry, wrong bird, will all be huddling in the corner of the chair, and feeling the heat from the r.f. Oh that such wickedness could be.

Max S5S is at the moment of writing trying to fit 35 cans or foul to get a little bandspread on his disposals rx. Many and varied are the suggestions being received from the "experts," but so far he has not been able to squeeze even half a degree extra. George S5CV would exchange half of his bandspread for a method of removing the neon sign QRM in his locality, but is not impressed with the suggestion that he should plant a little black box under the chemist shop, planned to go boom about 2 a.m.

Joe SJO is still running around with an arrow in his back, and is at the moment of writing of his anatomy, hotly pursued by a little fellow dressed in his birthday suit, but anyway he won't let you know where this is being read, the knot will be tied. Judging by the number of locals who have been invited to the wedding, it will be something like a VK5 man's wedding. Some of the locals would like to say who was going to give Pansy away at the wedding? It is the bride who is given away.

"The old boot basher" S5JX, that's what my spy called him, has a new car these days and is sight-seeing to his heart's content, with a consequent suffering of his activity on the air.

The VK5 "Nitwits" group recently received a tape from the VK3 Northern Suburban Amateur Group (president of which is Reg S3MZ) an ex-VK5 by the way, containing a list of names of the members of the group. The N.N.'s, S5S, S1M, S2C, S5O, S1L, S5M2 and many others who care to join the group. The list is being sent to the members along the same lines and sent it back to everyone's satisfaction. A gentleman who resides near to this band of VK5s commented to me that the group was the only one to have a contact with VK3 on phone, sneeringly adding that they should try c.w. I will release this for what it is worth, but I don't think, without s.s.b. facilities, or a crystal set, wanted to work.

Miracles of miracles, Frank S5M2 is reported as being completely free of breaks, fractures, cuts, and punctures. The miracle monster has him in its grip at night times, but his hied and true Type 3 is doing yeoman service between the VK5s and the VK3s, the truth of which can be verified by many VK3s on this band.

Incidentally, talking about Frank, don't ask me why but if the person who is using his call sign on 14 Mc. cares to call on Frank, he can take away a big bunch of European QSL cards, and the person who is using his call sign, and he is too modest to admit it. I have had them that strong!

Oyez, oyez, oyez. Gather round all ye that follow the gospel of the VK5s. In the August issue of "CG", under the column headed Sideband, appeared the following, or at least something resembling it closely. "The DX-pedition 9K3TL/NZ using a KW2M2 was definitely in favour of c.w., not s.s.b. The reason being that the VK5s did not operate on s.s.b. because of the terrible QRM generated by the operators who fell over themselves in their desire to get that "rare one" before they got away. The s.s.b. operators actually drove the expedition from the air, as far as s.s.b. was concerned, and the 9K3 operators were not so sure. The VK5s contacts! A lot more follows, but my kind heart does not permit me to continue, but if any followers of the gospel care to read page 82, they will continue with the story. This hurts me much more than it hurts the disciples of Compas, but the opportunity could not be missed. If I have any more to say for the next twenty years! I trust that a certain VK5 friend of mine is still not reading the VK5 notes.

Hughie S5BC was down this month from Remark on his annual vacation and from all reports was heard and worked mobile by a number of stations, and he was a very capable bands so I can't give any comment, but I understand he was looking in the pink.

Keith S5KH (or S5WL, take your choice) is another who has been away on his vacation number two. Went up to the Flinders

Ranges and proudly is boasting that he was only there five minutes and had his first contact with a G land. G land, under the conditions, but is dumb on anything else. Talking about vacations, Fred S5MA has taken advantage of the school holidays to move on to a well deserved holiday, and can say that I hear much of this joker on the air these days, but I am reliably informed that he has not abandoned his radio.

Harold S5AB was unlucky recently to have a fire break out at his domicile. Fortunately, or as you will, he keeps his radio gear on separate premises and no loss is reported in a way deserving a holiday, and can say that the blaze in order with a garden hose and fire extinguisher until the brigade arrived, most convenient for the brigade, but not for him. Have not heard if the brigade wants to recruit him.

Tom S5TL is at the moment for the benefit of learning to play the recorder. The throes of the peasants like myself, the recorder is a wood wind instrument dating back to Queen Elizabeth I, although there is no suggestion that Tom has had it all that time. Even his best friends won't tell him about his woodwind, but all the factories in the district have been ordered to supply the recorder, and his staff are all knocking off at the wrong times!

Who was the VK5 travelling in the Remark district who pulled up alongside the vehicle and loaded whip on the back, approached the driver and said, "You're a good one, aren't you?" The driver said, "Is that so, well I am the local police car." Our hero retired to the extreme end of the road, and as he got into the back of the car, and for one awful moment thought that he would have to get back to the policeman and report that someone had pinned the last and the steering wheel. You whistled and I will point. Your secret is safe with me sir, I think!

The annual general meeting of the Elizabeth Amateur Radio Club was a goodly attendance of members and the following were noted VK5s DS, DY, EU, EJ, FY, HB, JO, NO, NQ, NZ, and the following were noted VK3s ZM, ZMA, ZMK and listeners L5039, L5045, L5046, L5047, L5048, L5049, L5050, L5051, L5052, L5053, L5054, L5055, L5056, L5057, L5058, L5059, L5060, L5061, L5062, L5063, L5064, L5065, L5066, L5067, L5068, L5069, L5070, L5071, L5072, L5073, L5074, L5075, L5076, L5077, L5078, L5079, L5080, L5081, L5082, L5083, L5084, L5085, L5086, L5087, L5088, L5089, L5090, L5091, L5092, L5093, L5094, L5095, L5096, L5097, L5098, L5099, L5100, L5101, L5102, L5103, L5104, L5105, L5106, L5107, L5108, L5109, L5110, L5111, L5112, L5113, L5114, L5115, L5116, L5117, L5118, L5119, L5120, L5121, L5122, L5123, L5124, L5125, L5126, L5127, L5128, L5129, L5130, L5131, L5132, L5133, L5134, L5135, L5136, L5137, L5138, L5139, L5140, L5141, L5142, L5143, L5144, L5145, L5146, L5147, L5148, L5149, L5150, L5151, L5152, 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In all the years that I have been writing these notes for VK5, the one job that I have never been able to reconcile myself to is the writing of the inevitable obituary that cannot be side-stepped. This month it was all the harder because of my personal association with Melbourne and the fact that its association with Amateur Radio has been so amicable from both sides of the fence. I feel that I have said all that can be said of Melbourne, but I think that there has always stood out from his many fine qualities was the fact that even though he had left Amateur Radio behind, he never forgot the Amateur, nor all that Amateur Radio had meant to him.

My recollections, mainly for the benefit of all the ex-VK5s who may read these notes in other Divisions, Don Gooding, Chief Engineer of S&D and ADST, passed away about this month, and I think many of you will remember that Radio Amateur, he had attended many of our functions as a guest and representing the R.E., was extremely sympathetic toward us and his staff, and we learnt of his passing with regret. Our sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Well, whatever I do, I must not end these notes for this month on such a note of gloom, and in looking around for some relief I have just remembered that at the end of the week I will be tripping the light fantastic at the wedding of Joe, Well, I will be tripping, and so, my, my, my, my new striped jessie suit and although the trousers seem a little tight under the arms, I feel they will stand up to the strains of my body as I advance. I don't have the floor strengthened for my rock-and-roll efforts, and rumour has it that I am to be approached to give some demonstration of the operation. On and by the way, there will be some goodies to dispose of too. Yum-yum, and with me having to watch my figure. 73, SPS (Famly to you).

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

With our regular VK3 weather returning, activity on the Ham bands has increased considerably. Mobiles and portables are well in evidence during the day and at night the "Jamboree of the Air" is to be held in October. Brushes and gardening tools and relax in the shack.

Since the visit of the VK3 bushfire party contacts with E.S. Hams have increased. It makes a contact more personal when an Amateur has visited your shack. Incidentally, I have been planning to put out some One SXB, and we are wondering if he will ever get back to VK5 after sampling districts like Albany and Esperance. Better stay around BIL.

Our monthly meeting was well attended as usual. These meetings are becoming very popular and it is pleasing to see attendances of thirty or forty in this State of VK6. Among the visitors were SXB and Z2FL. Welcome to you both and hope you induce others to brave the frontiers of VK6. After a brisk business session, during which GRU gave his usual detailed resume of the R.D. Contest and the Club's association with Hans Frost, who is a district commissioner for the Boy Scouts Association, gave us some information on the "Jamboree of the Air" to be held in October. The members settled back to hear the usual lecture. This was on "Electronic Instrument Landing Aids for Civil Aviation" and was given by Mr. Hackett of D.C.A. and very interesting and instructive.

One of the highlights of the month was a hamfest at Moore. This was controlled by Keith, who was assisted by the staff of his XTAL. We with Mrs. Johnsons a speedy recovery to full health.

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6XO was absent from the meeting. Our spies tell us he got his hand out of phase with a 360 degree turn. He was told to "unvented enclosure." Bad luck Herb. We hope it is better soon. What a pity "Dobba Babs" is not down there to "succour and defend." GRU is in business again, with a transistor power supply, so we hope to hear him soon. That is if he can stop watching Adelaide t.v. on the side of his beam in Albany.

6PH has been heard lately trying to untangle himself from his "spider web" theory, cubical quad, and hope you get that modulator turned soon Pat. Clem 6CW has been heard occasionally, but not so often since he found that "red-neck" and "blue-neck" with c.w. and getting contacts. Wally 6AG has been in dock lately, caused by trying to use up some stray "ergs" on the wood-heep or something. SUEE 6DA is in business again, with all spare "ergs" in the shack. Bob 6BE has been having his troubles since moving to his new QTZ. He has mislaid some "drivers" somewhere. Probably under the new carpet Bob. Of course he has had plenty of sympathy and advice from 6RG and 6LC. 6EX is mainly heard wearing his "tilted" beam on the higher bands and occasionally on 80 mx. We hear that 6DX is or has been in hospital at Esperance. 6GK is in business again, with a new antenna. Well that is about all the information I have from my spies this month, so b.c.n.u. 73, 6ZCK per 6LS.

## TASMANIA

Old-timers will be sorry to learn of the death of Keith ex-VK1Y, who died early in October. Keith was famous for having worked Egypt on the 180 metre band pre-war.

The Hobbies Exhibition at the City Hall, early in Sept. passed off very satisfactorily indeed, and many contacts, both on v.h.f. and h.f. bands were made. We are delighted with the response from Amateur Radio in Tasmania who made this side of our exhibit so attractive. All helpers are hereby publicly thanked by the Provincial Council for their invaluable contributions.

The fox hunt, conducted on 3515 kc. and on the 144 Mc. band, on 23rd Sept. on behalf of the VK/ZZA fund for the purchase of 1000, cleared \$240/10. Attendance from the v.h.f. boys was really excellent, but the attendance from the h.f. boys was not so good. We all had a wonderful time, followed by an excellent supper at the residence of 7ZBE, with the favourite meats cooked over an open fire and coffee made out of milk, delicious it was too.

At the time of writing, the phone section of the VK/ZZA fund is in a very good position and the south were most disappointing. Severe snow activity made all bands largely useless during the entire hours.

The October meeting of the Division was favoured by an excellent address from Joe TBJ on the basic design of transmitters. Joe again demonstrated his wonderful knowledge of a subject which he has put into practice in his own work. The meeting was most interesting and informative. The business part of the meeting was very short, and the meeting was held in the month. The interest was caused by the VK3 Division's desire to conduct a concurrent contest with the R.D. Contest for zonal participation. This topic was brought into the open. The whole subject of the R.D. Contest. Opinions were many and varied, but I feel we all have a better conception of the problems involved as a result of this discussion.

Keith TRX is passing through a most anxious time at present, and is still in hospital. We wish Mrs. Johnsons a speedy recovery to full health.

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## NORTH WESTERN ZONE

Ken TKH took the chair for the first time at our October meeting and skilfully handled a lively discussion. Only eight turned up, which was a record for the present time. TKH, TMS, TSF, XTAL, ZFAA, MX and associates Geoff and Alan. Such a bunch of enthusiasts. It was decided to hold a film evening for the snow season. I keep an ear to 3515 KC over the week-ends and see whether Snowy is out on the blue. The meeting was held at the Devonport has been put forward to November 23, 24 and 25.

So we have more time to prepare. Has anyone the radiation pattern of a full wave vertical antenna 88 metres high? The Association has a gas-filled balloon 250 feet above the hall and will include a vertical wire for an antenna. So look out chaps.

Several locals will have participated in the Jamboree on the Air by the time this is read. Sid TSF has instituted a container service for the transport of disposal gear from the mainland. Could grow into a charter bus. Sid TSF is starting to converse in monkey chatter, so anticipate s.a.b. coming from that quarter one day.

Some peculiar effects have been noticed as a result of magnetic disturbances lately. Had to ask a VK2 to relay to 7KH (about 30 miles away) the other night. Some good signals have been heard on 20 m so can see Sam TXI getting a harvest. W.I.A. broadcasts from Hobart on Sunday mornings have been impossible or difficult but lately both on 40 and 80 mx. The bands appear to be bad early in the mornings. Wonder if the powers that be could give us land line! doubtful perhaps? Power line noise has been bad here lately also. Possibly salt build-up on the insulators near the sea. Like the farmers, we need a good rain.

Was staggered to learn that my notes were awarded with the 1972. My heartfelt thanks to Sweet Buttercup for her encouragement. News is scarce this month, so the old scribe will have to sign off. 73, TMX.

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DC 3552 FT 3595		DC 8020 DC 8026.5	DC 8033.5
		DC 8020.5 DC 8027	DC 8034
		DC 8021 DC 8027.5	DC 8034.5
		DC 8021.5 DC 8028	DC 8035
		DC 8022 DC 8028.5	DC 8035.5
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